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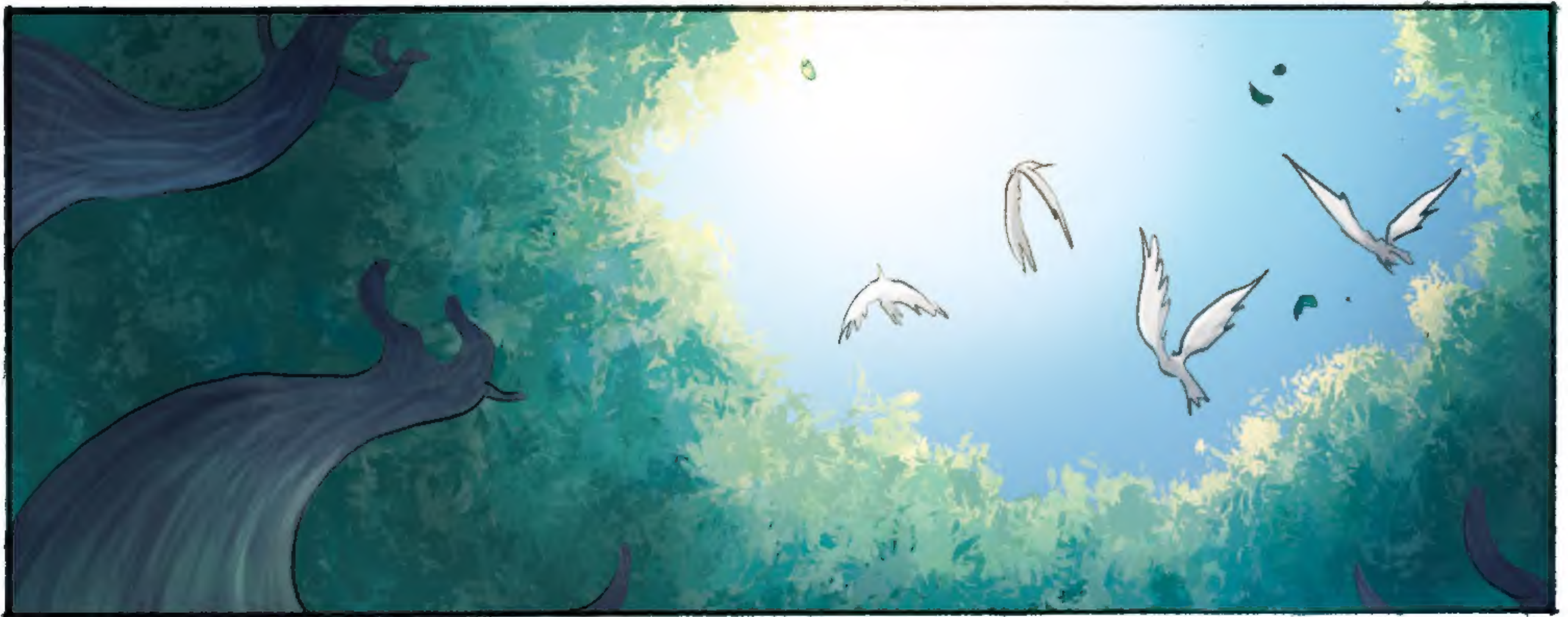
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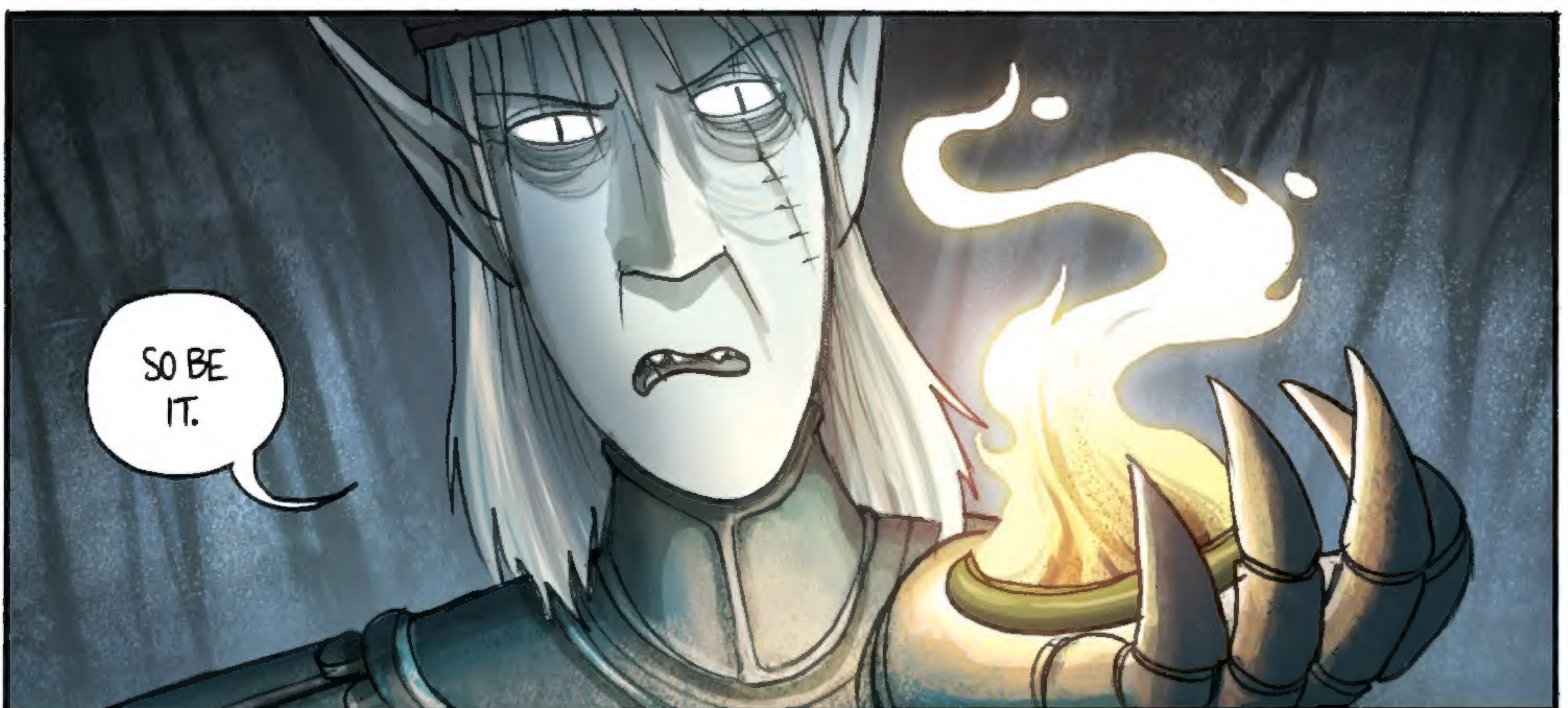
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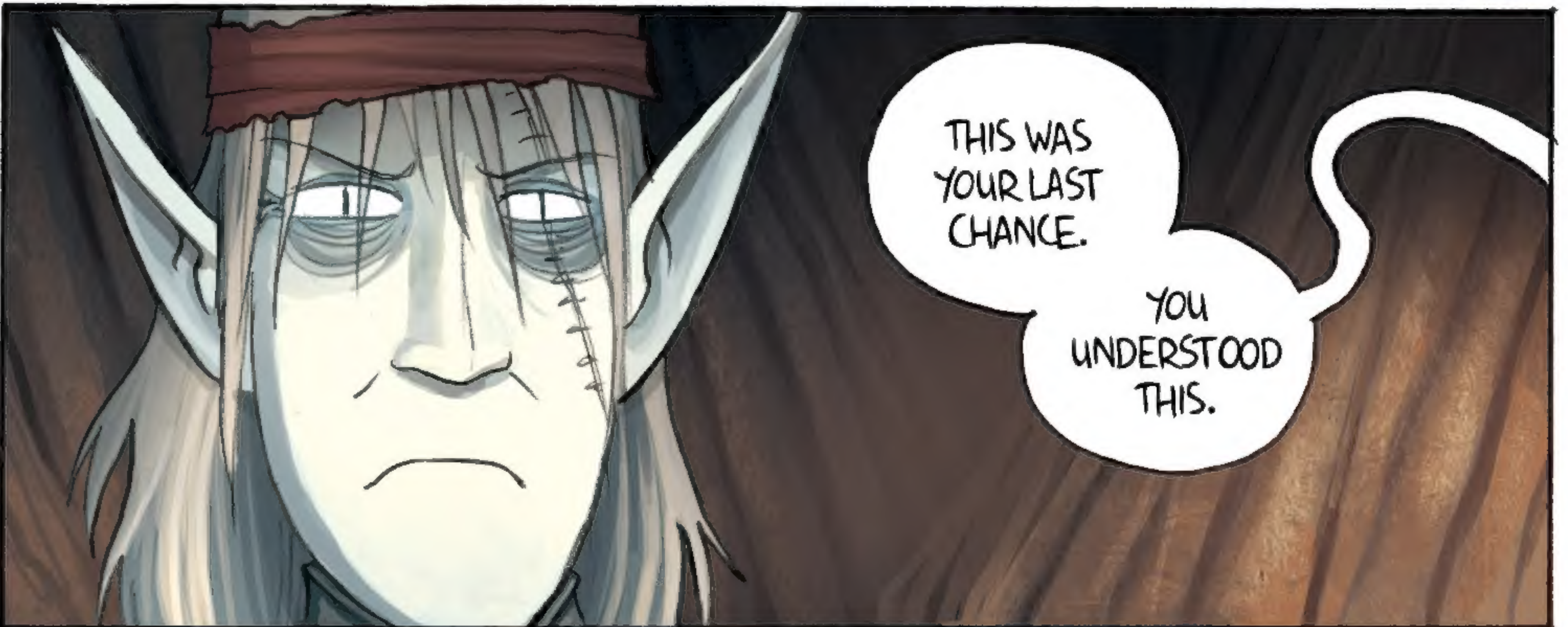


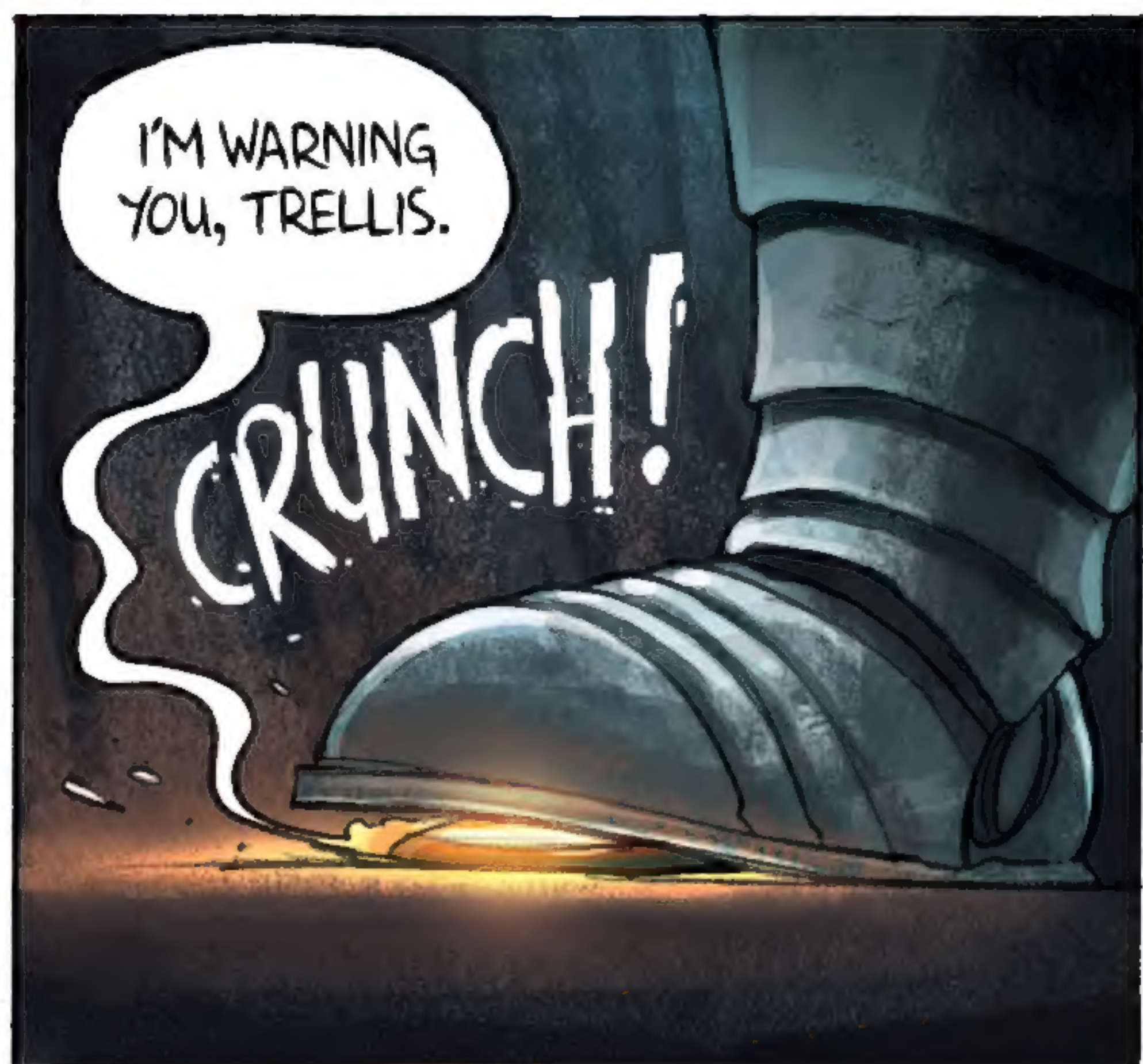
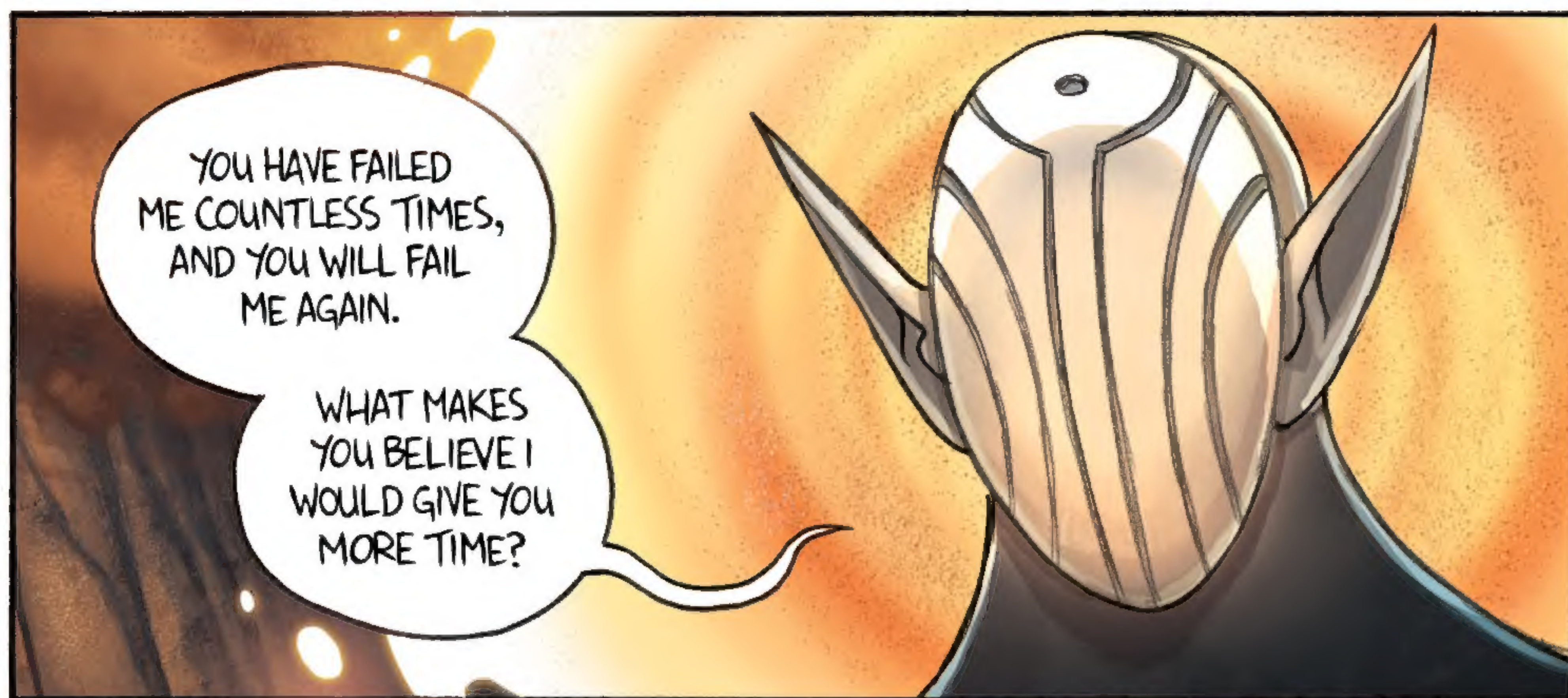


















MASTER
GABILAN,

THANK YOU
FOR COMING ON
SUCH SHORT
NOTICE.



AND MAY I
ADD WHAT AN
HONOR IT IS
TO MEET YOU.



JUST TAKE
ME TO THE
KING.

YES,
THIS WAY.



GABILAN THE
ASSASSIN IS HERE
TO SEE YOU, SIRE!

WELCOME,
GABILAN.





I WILL DESTROY
ANYONE AND ANYTHING
THAT MAY IMPEDE OUR
PROGRESS.

THINK OF IT
AS A SACRIFICE
FOR THE GREATER
GOOD.



YOUR CAUSE
MEANS NOTHING
TO ME.

I SIMPLY
REQUIRE
PAYMENT.

CHK!



LOGI WAITS
BY THE DOOR
WITH HALF OF
YOUR FEE.

HALF?!



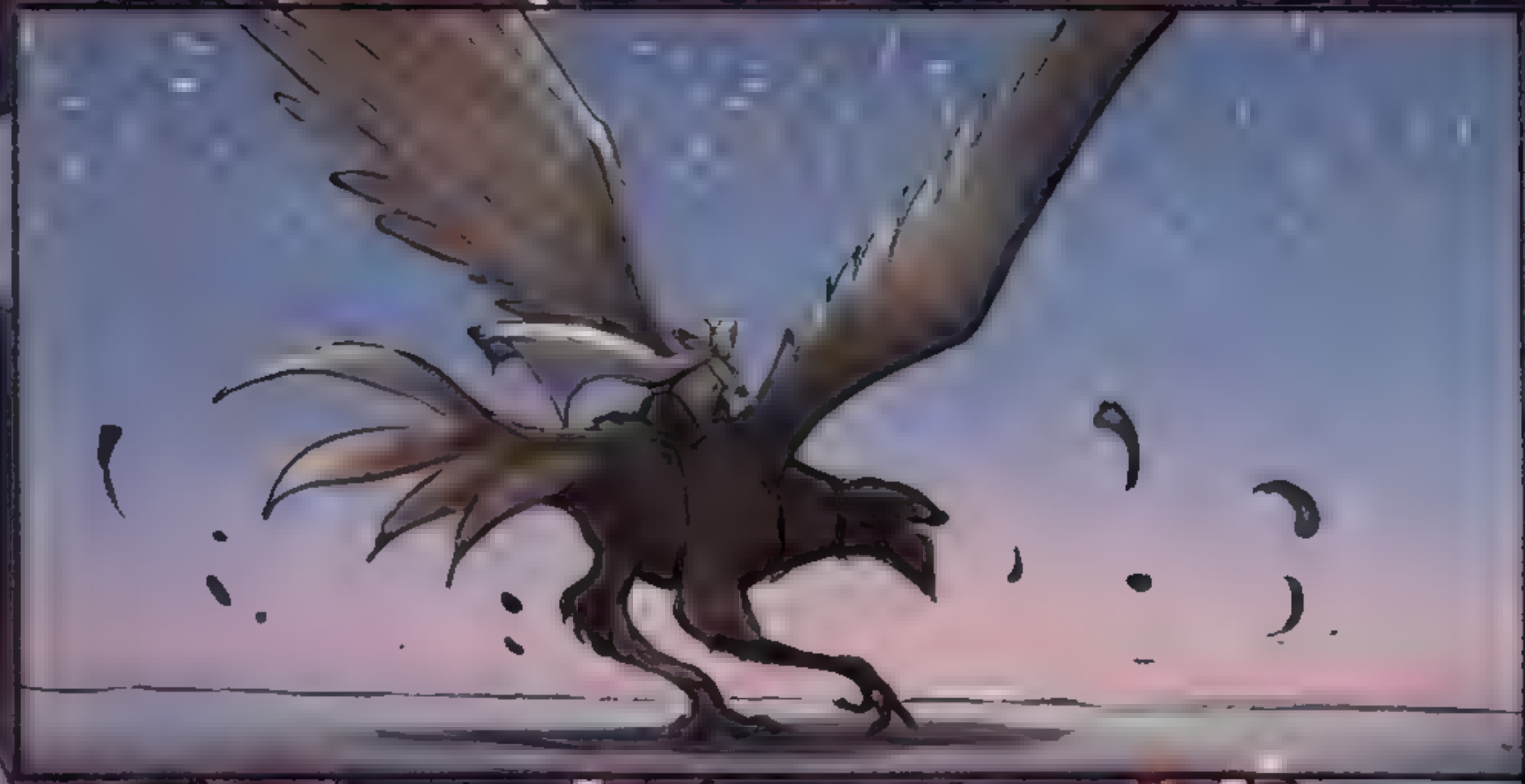
YOU WILL
RECEIVE THE
REST AFTER
THE JOB IS
DONE.



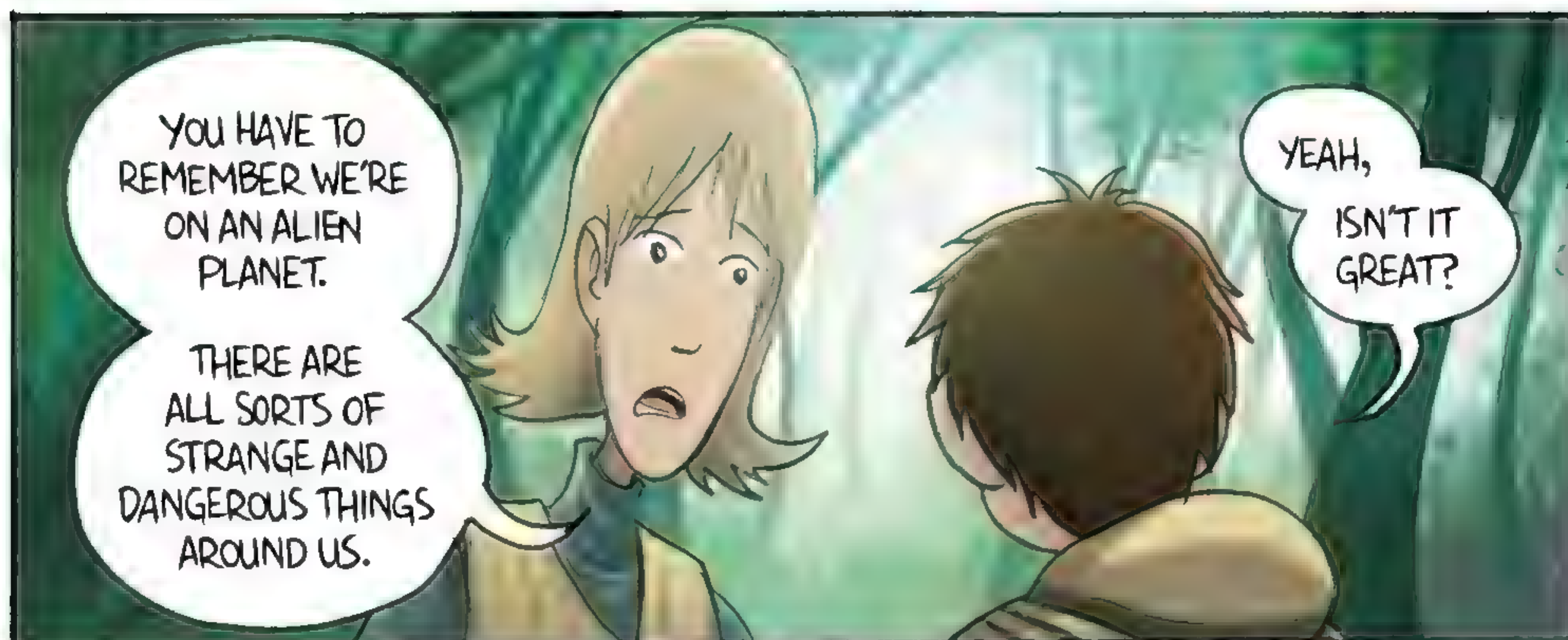
I HAVE NEVER
FAILED TO KILL
MY MARKS.

YOU HAVE
NO REASON TO
DOUBT ME.

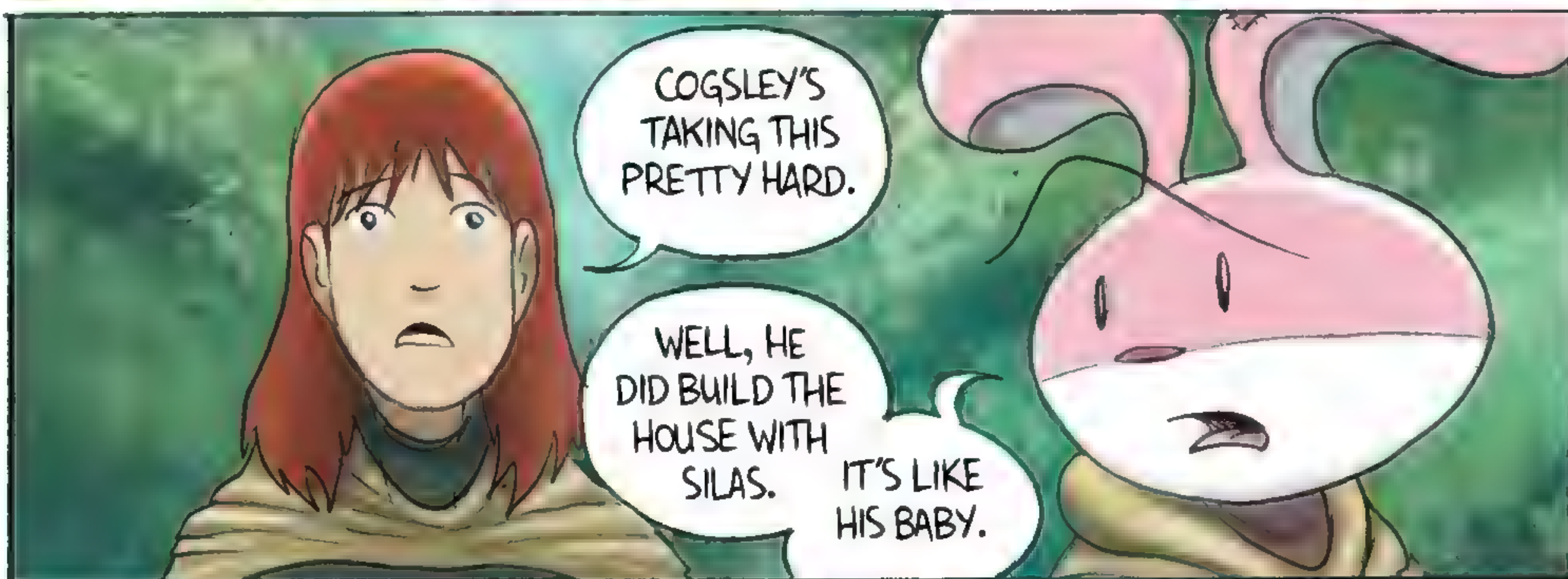




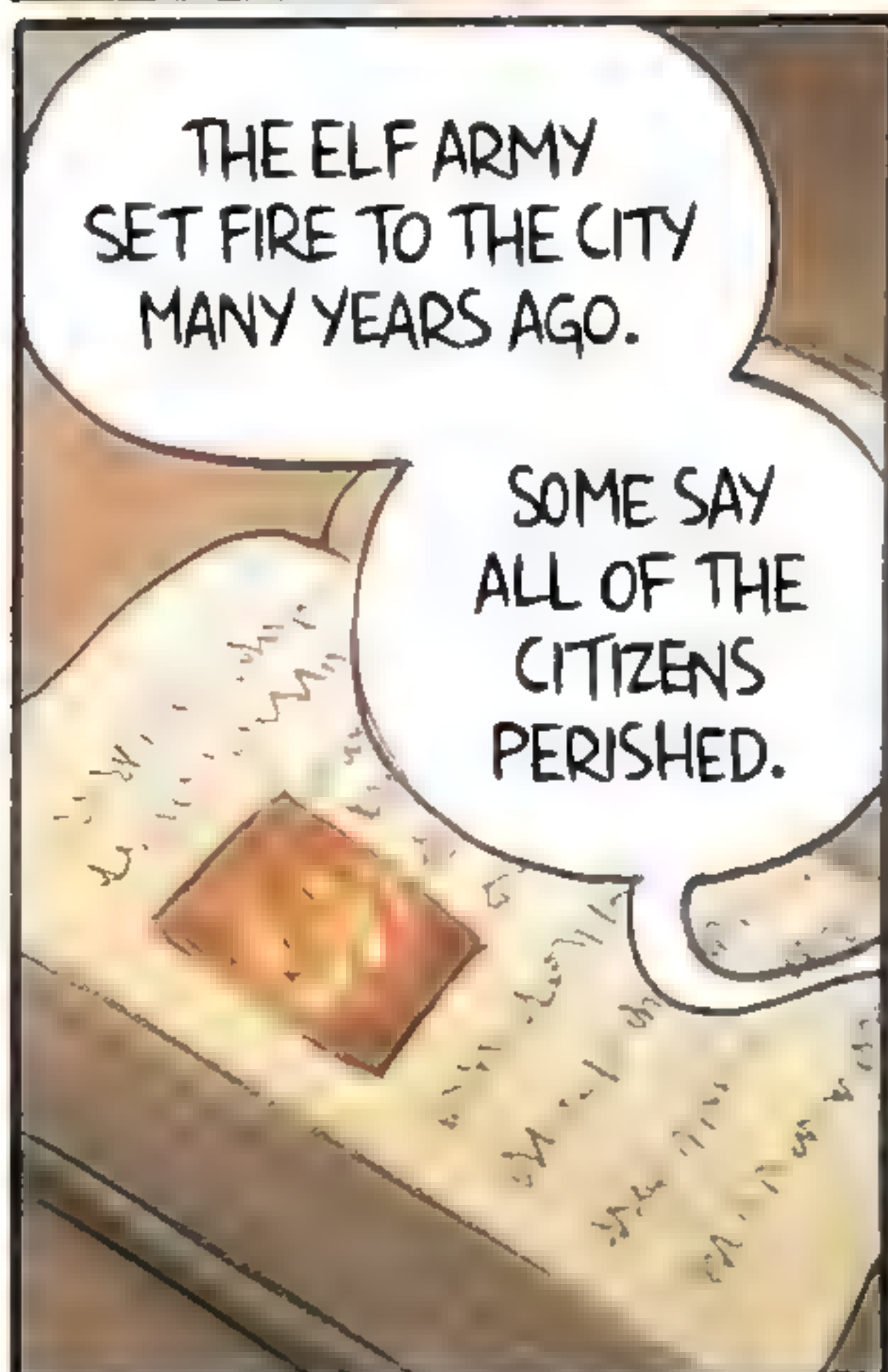
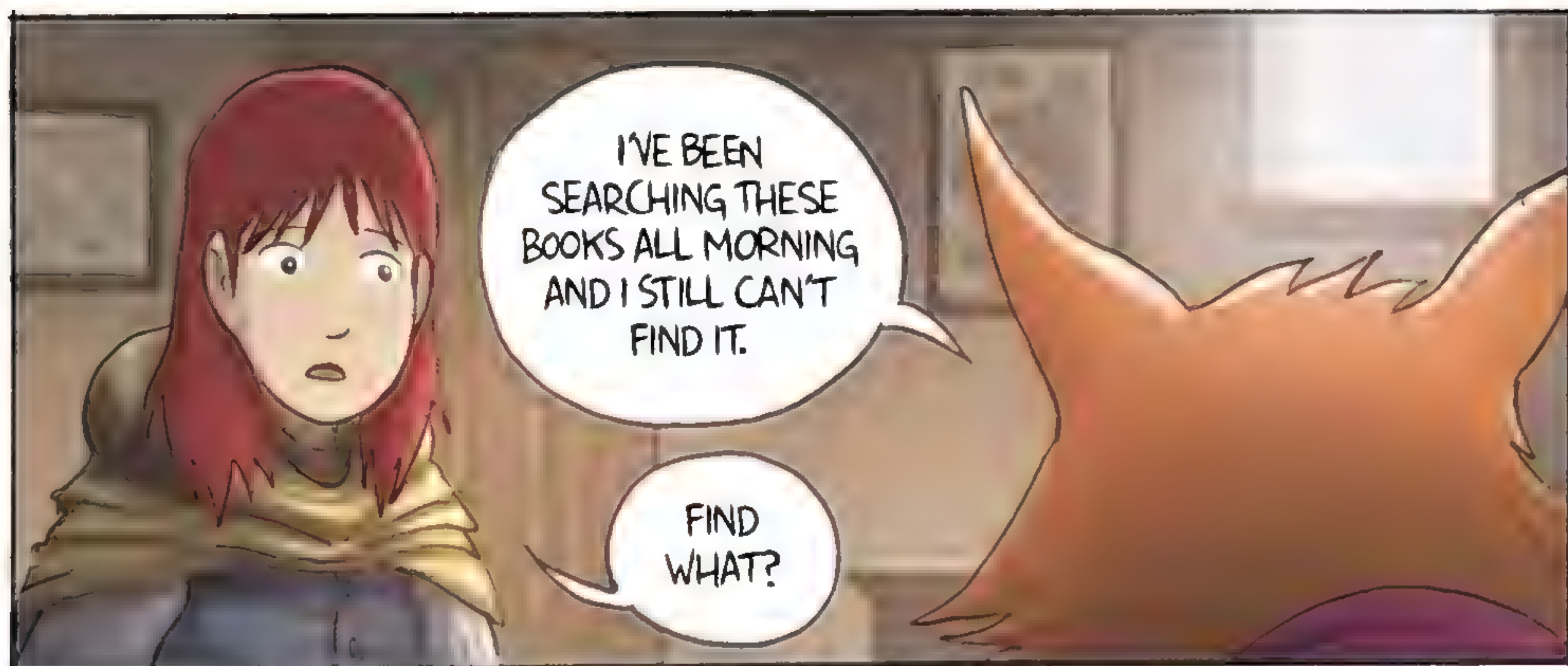


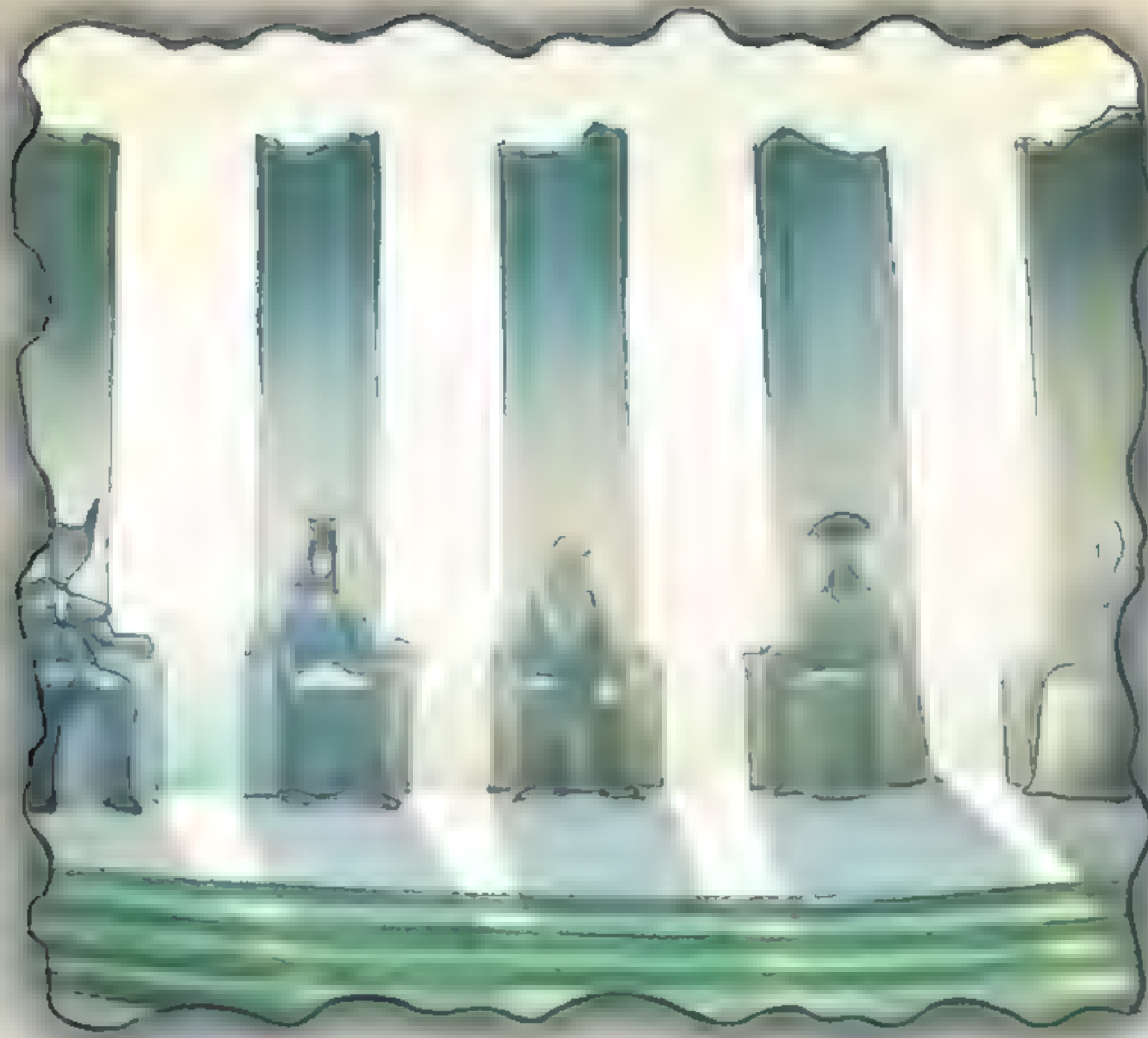












THE LEADERS OF THIS CITY CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

THE FIVE GREAT STONEKEEPERS WHO COMPRISED THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL WERE CHOSEN TO GOVERN ALLEDIA. FOR MANY YEARS, THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO THEIR PLANS AND ALLEDIA BENEFITED FROM A CENTURY OF PEACE.

SO IT CAME AS A SURPRISE WHEN GULFEN, THE NATION OF ELVES, ROSE UP AND BEGAN INVADING ITS NEIGHBORS WITHOUT WARNING. WHAT WAS ONCE A PEACEFUL NATION HAD BECOME A RUTHLESS AGGRESSOR.

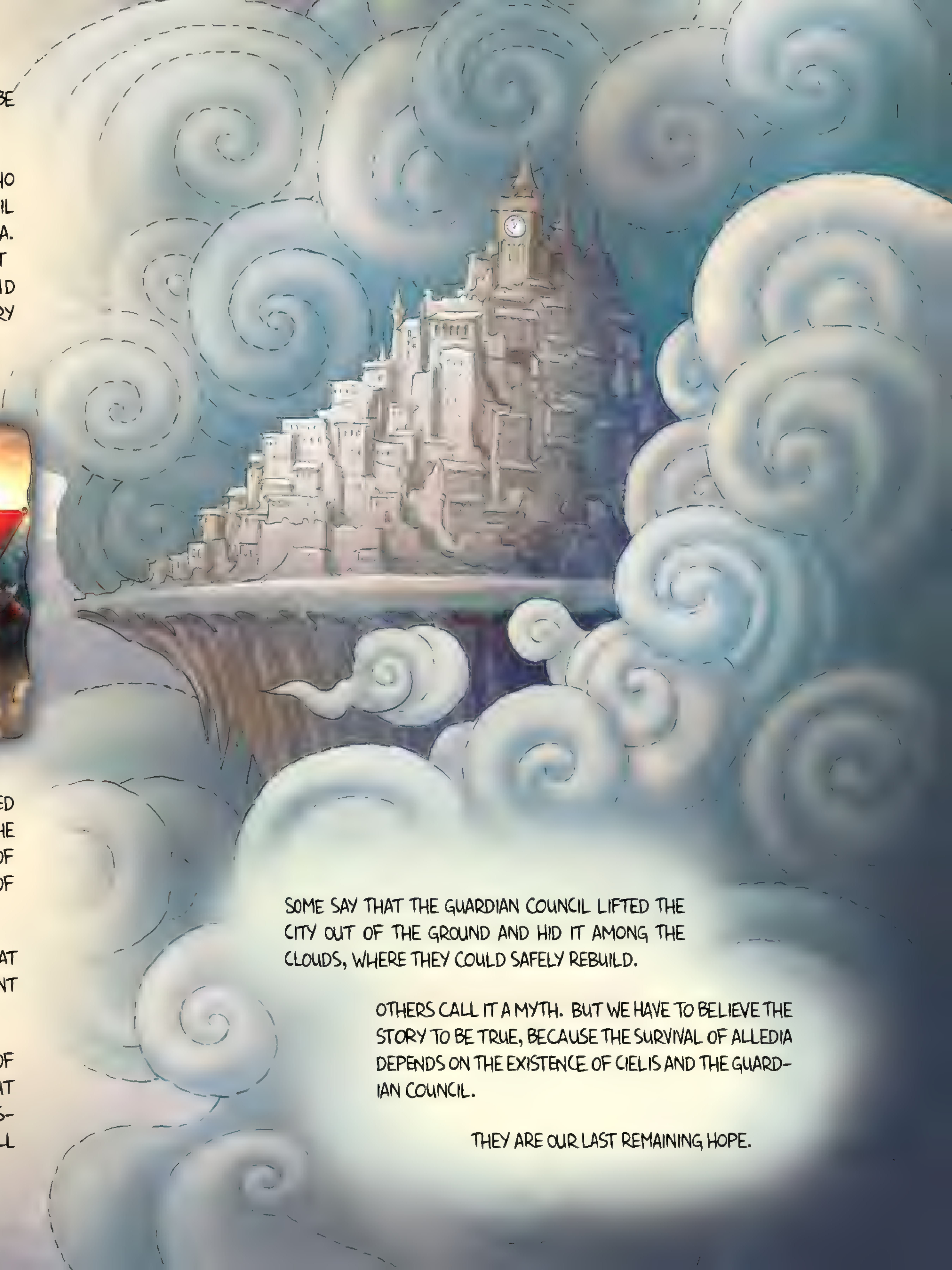
THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL RETALIATED, BUT THEY SEVERELY UNDERESTIMATED THE ELF KING'S POWER.



THE GREAT CITY OF CIELIS SUFFERED THE FIERCEST ATTACK DURING THE WAR. IN A BATTLE FOR THE THRONE OF ALLEDIA, THE ELVES BURNED MOST OF IT TO THE GROUND.

WHEN THE DUST CLEARED, ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF CIELIS WAS A GIANT CRATER.

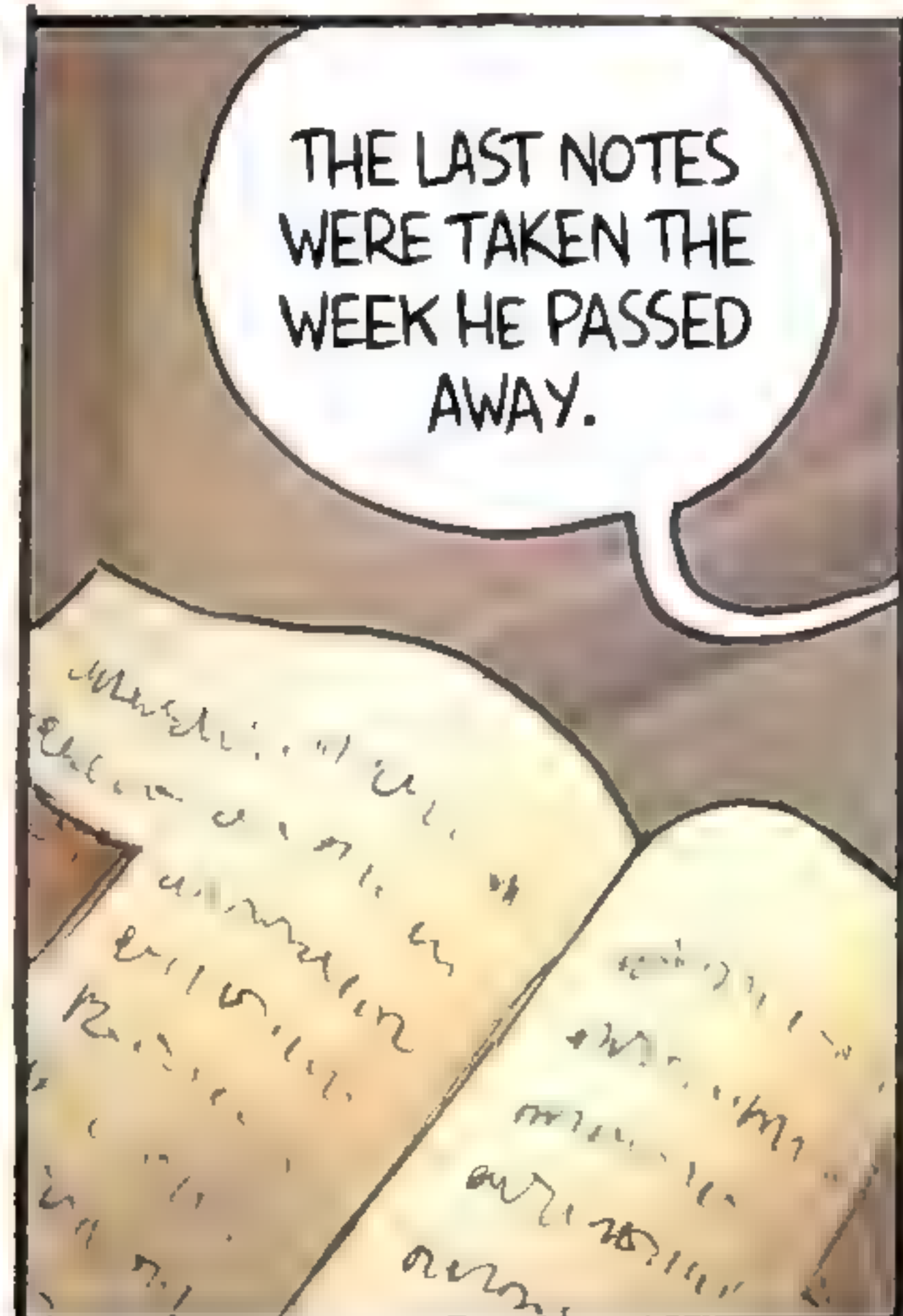
MOST BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF CIELIS PERISHED IN THE FLAMES. BUT THERE ARE A FEW, LIKE THE RESISTANCE, WHO BELIEVE THE CITY STILL EXISTS INTACT.

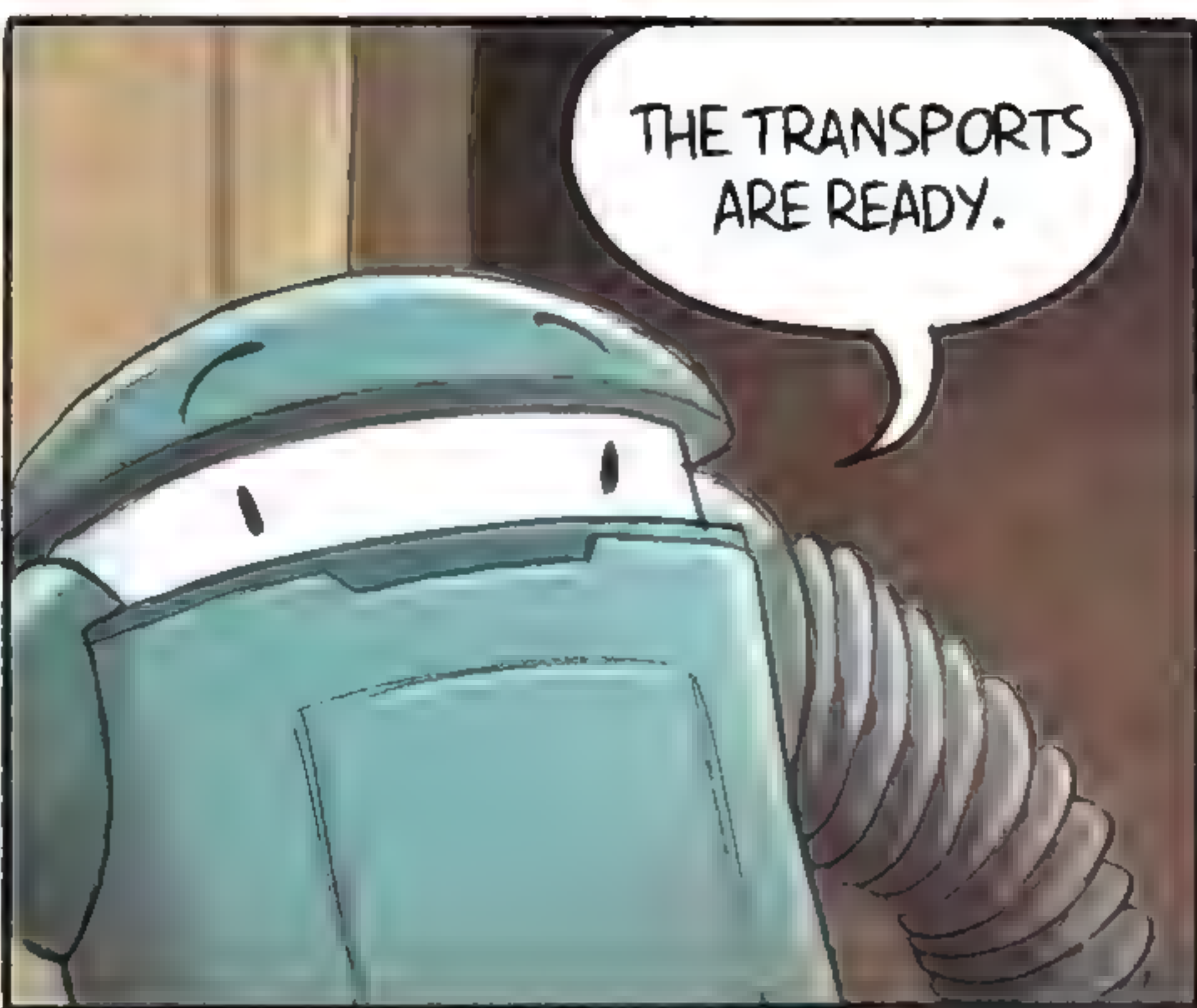
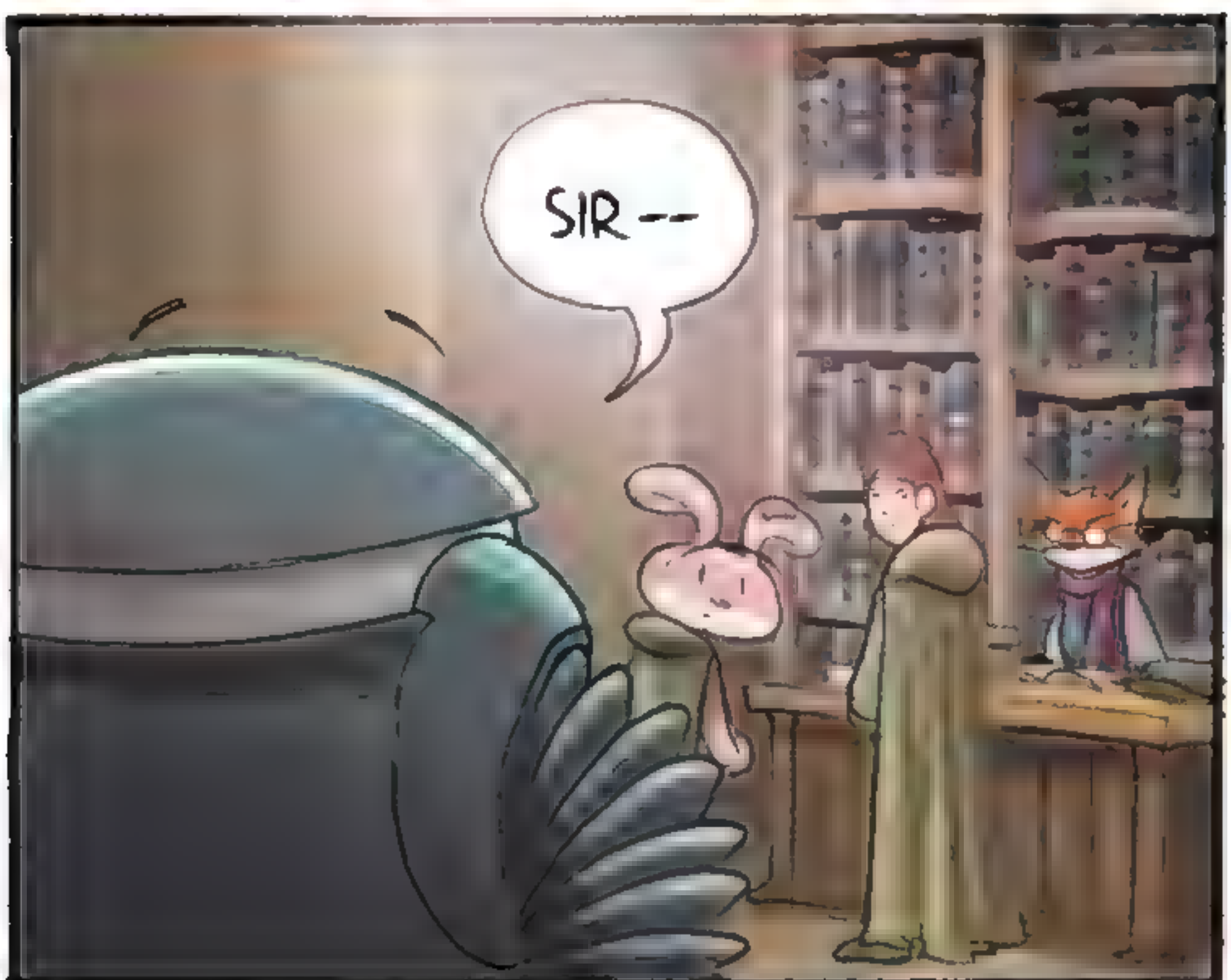
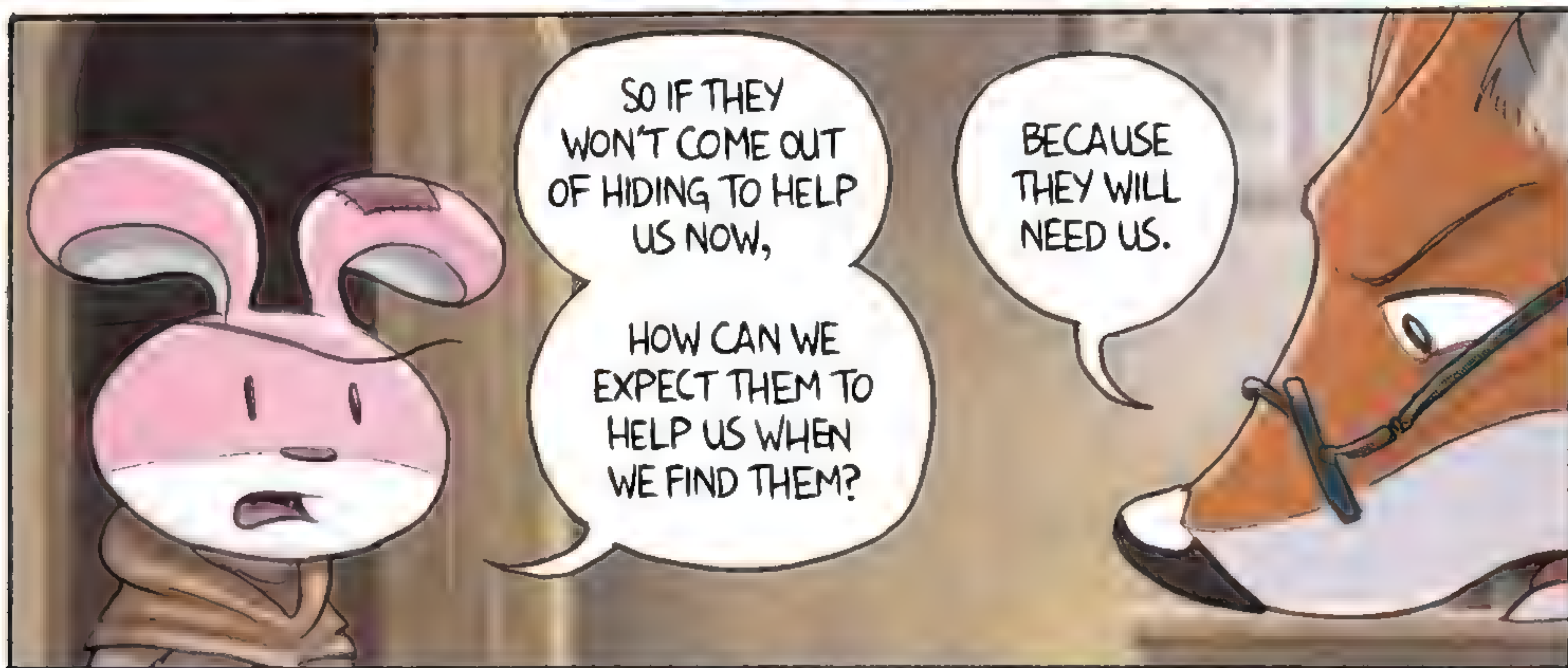


SOME SAY THAT THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL LIFTED THE CITY OUT OF THE GROUND AND HID IT AMONG THE CLOUDS, WHERE THEY COULD SAFELY REBUILD.

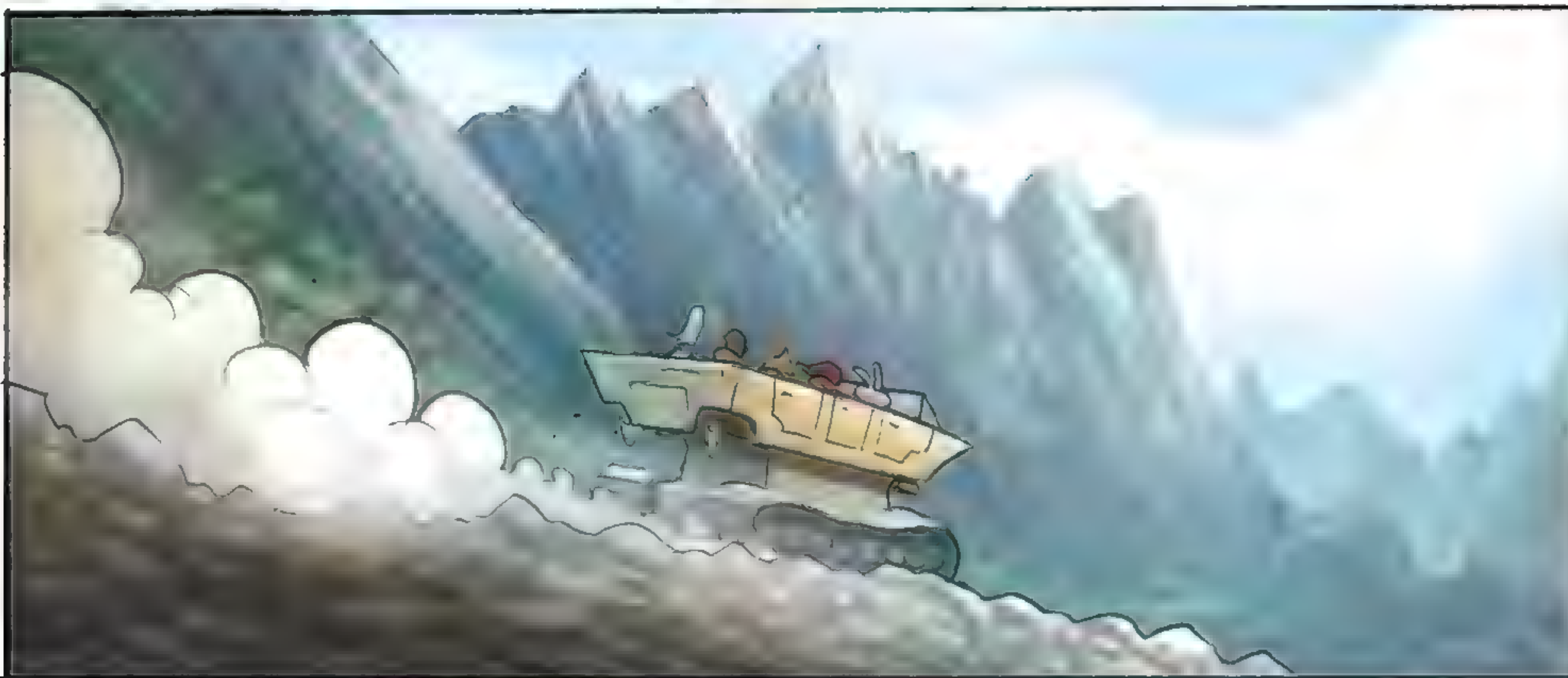
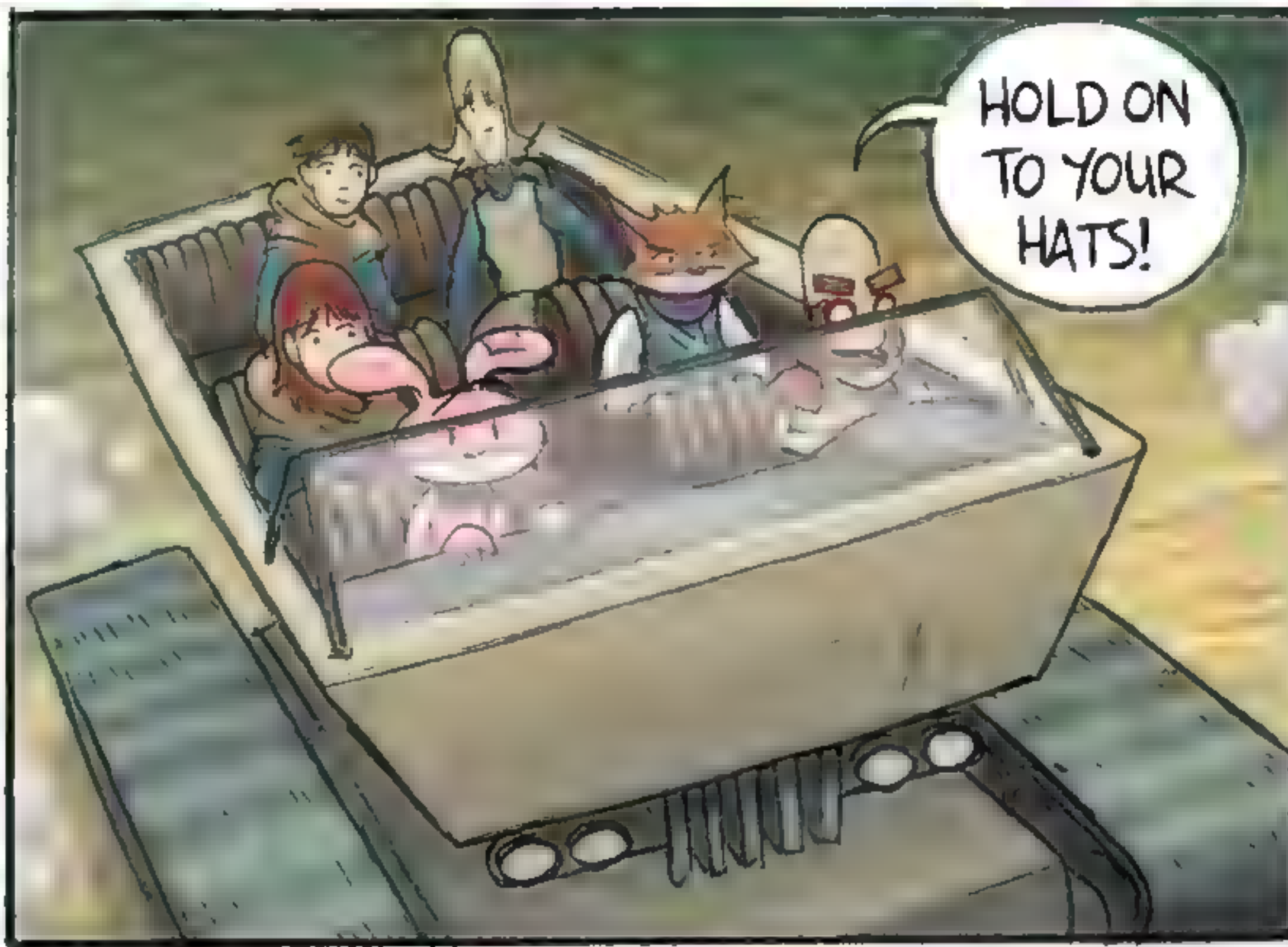
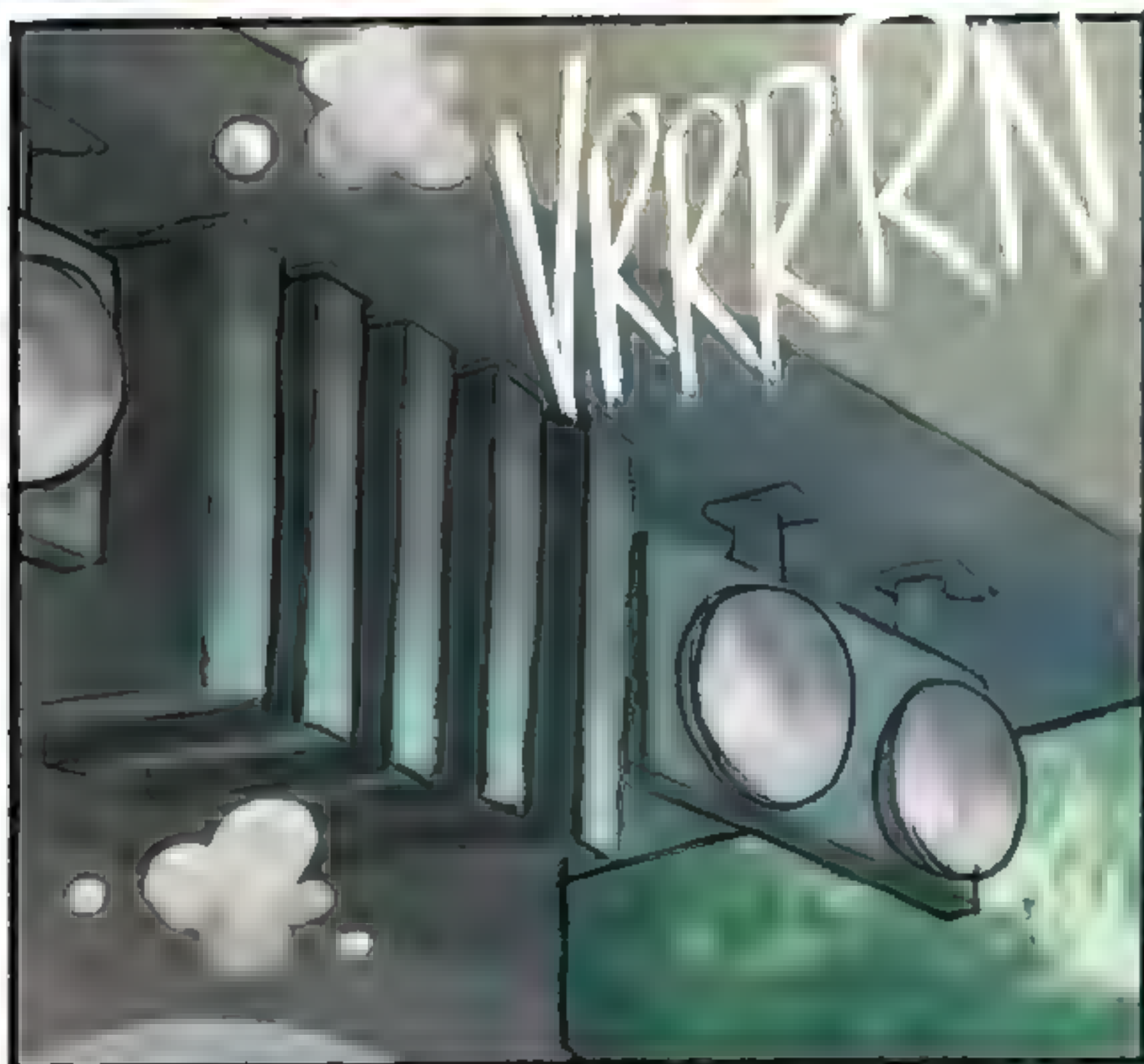
OTHERS CALL IT A MYTH. BUT WE HAVE TO BELIEVE THE STORY TO BE TRUE, BECAUSE THE SURVIVAL OF ALLEDIA DEPENDS ON THE EXISTENCE OF CIELIS AND THE GUARDIAN COUNCIL.

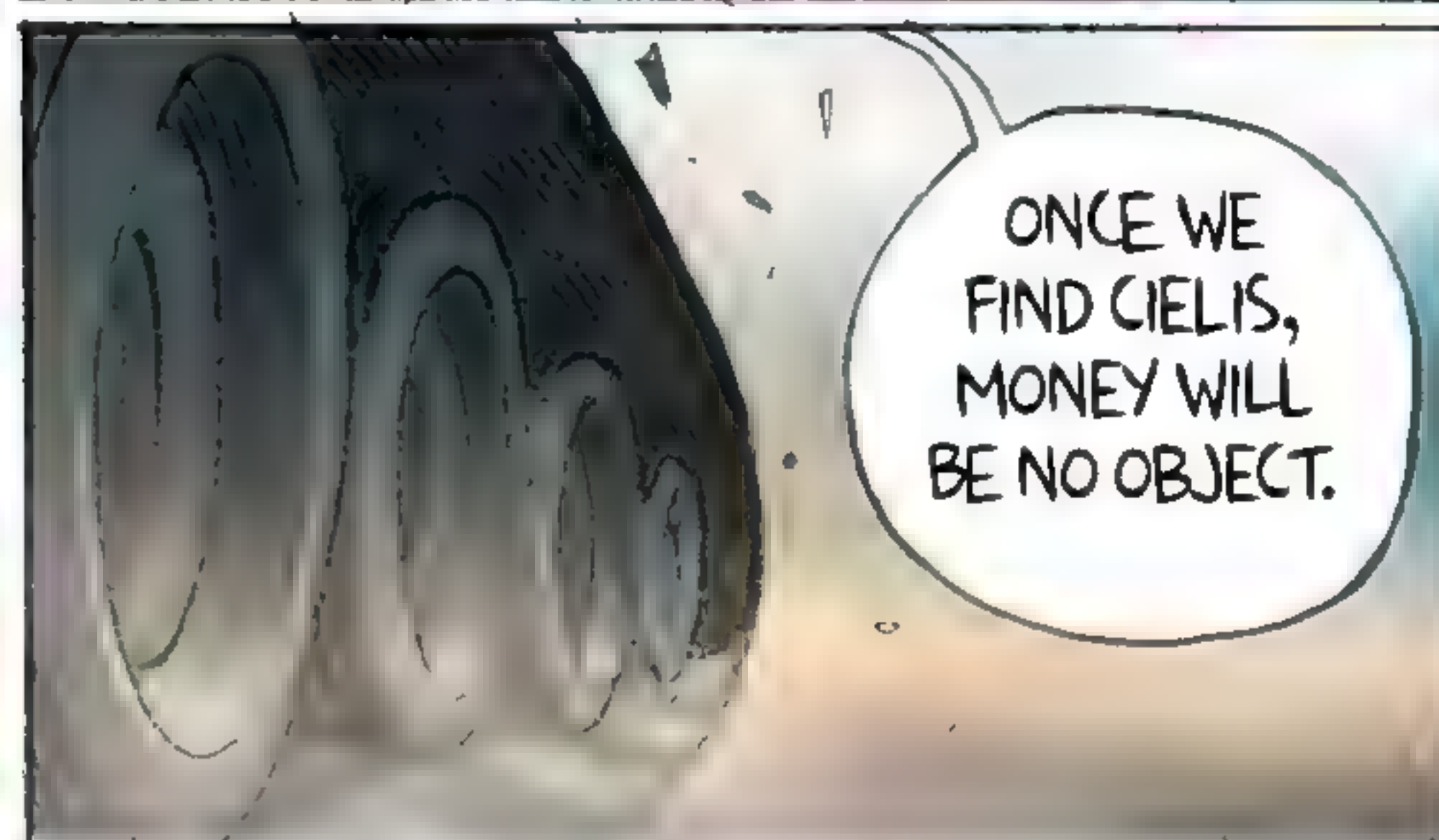
THEY ARE OUR LAST REMAINING HOPE.











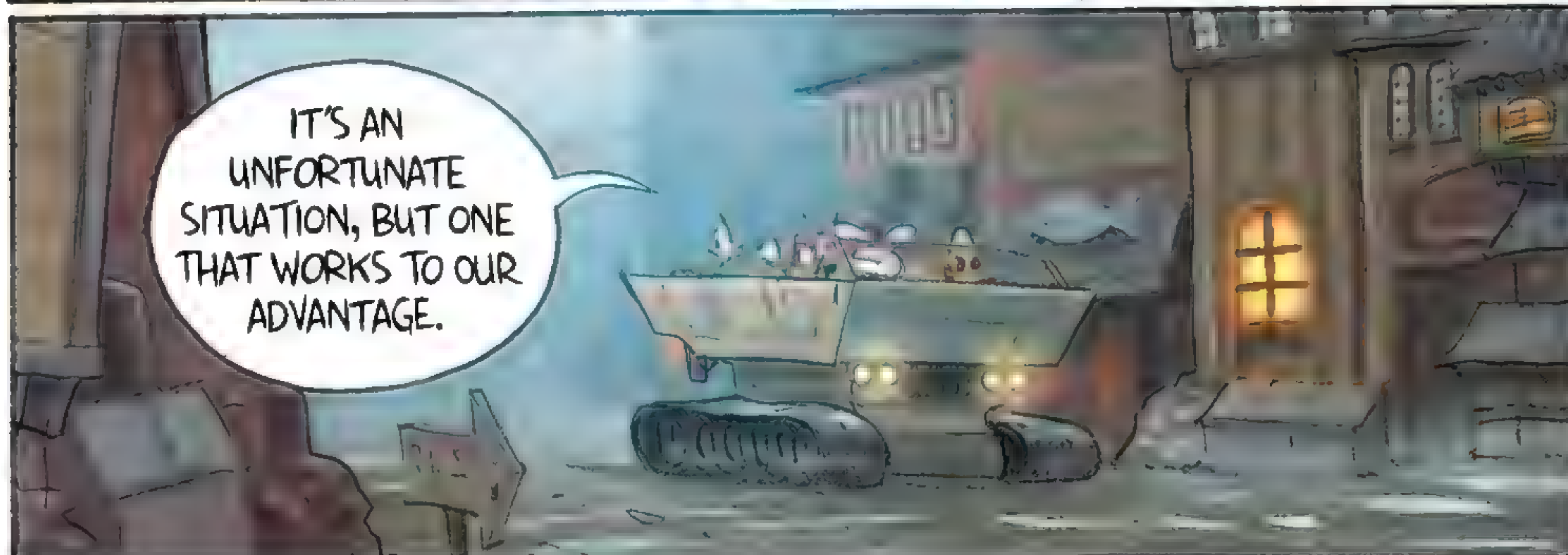


NAUTILUS IS THE
SHIPPING CAPITAL
OF ALLEDIA.

MOST AIRSHIPS
DOCK HERE AT LEAST
ONCE A YEAR.

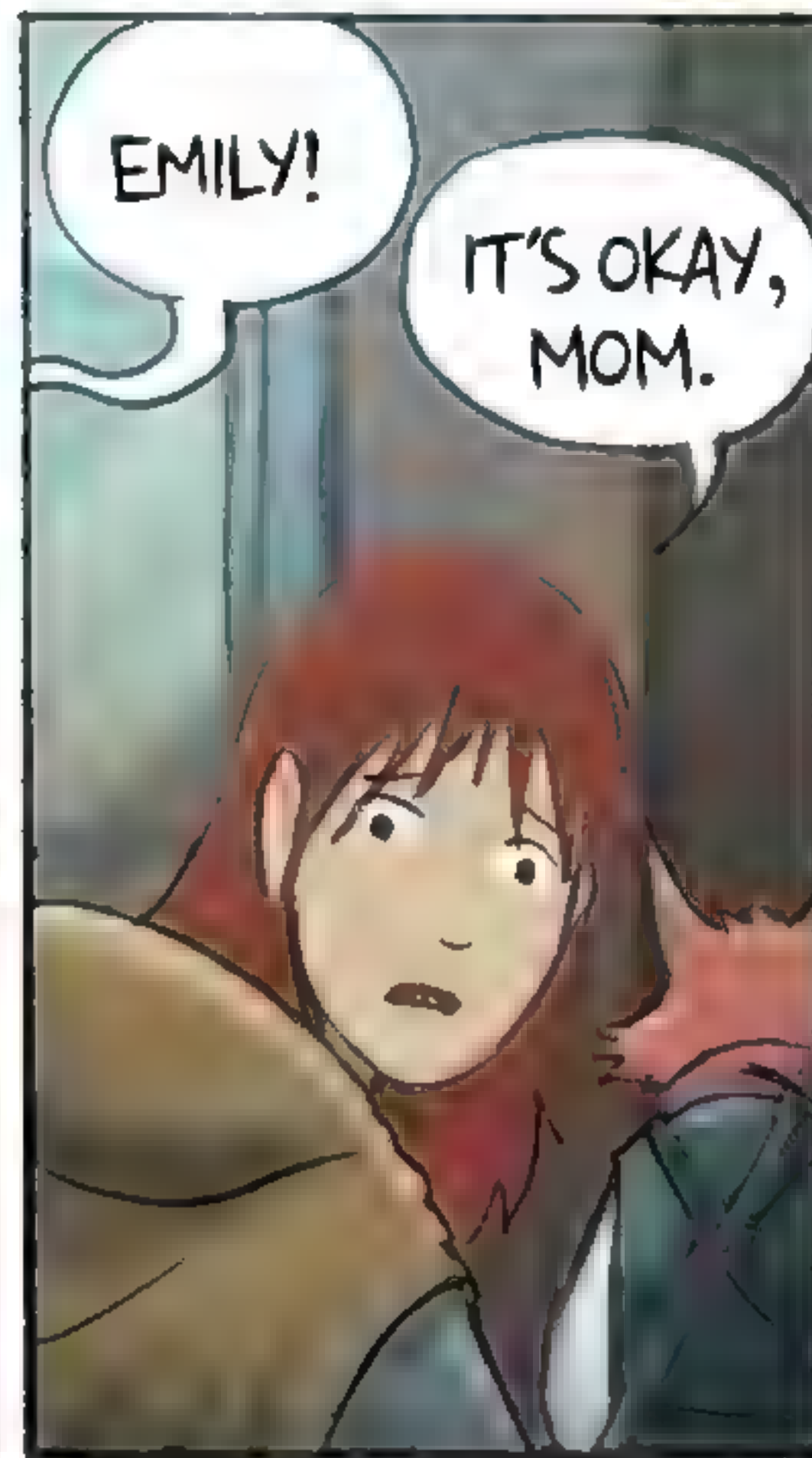
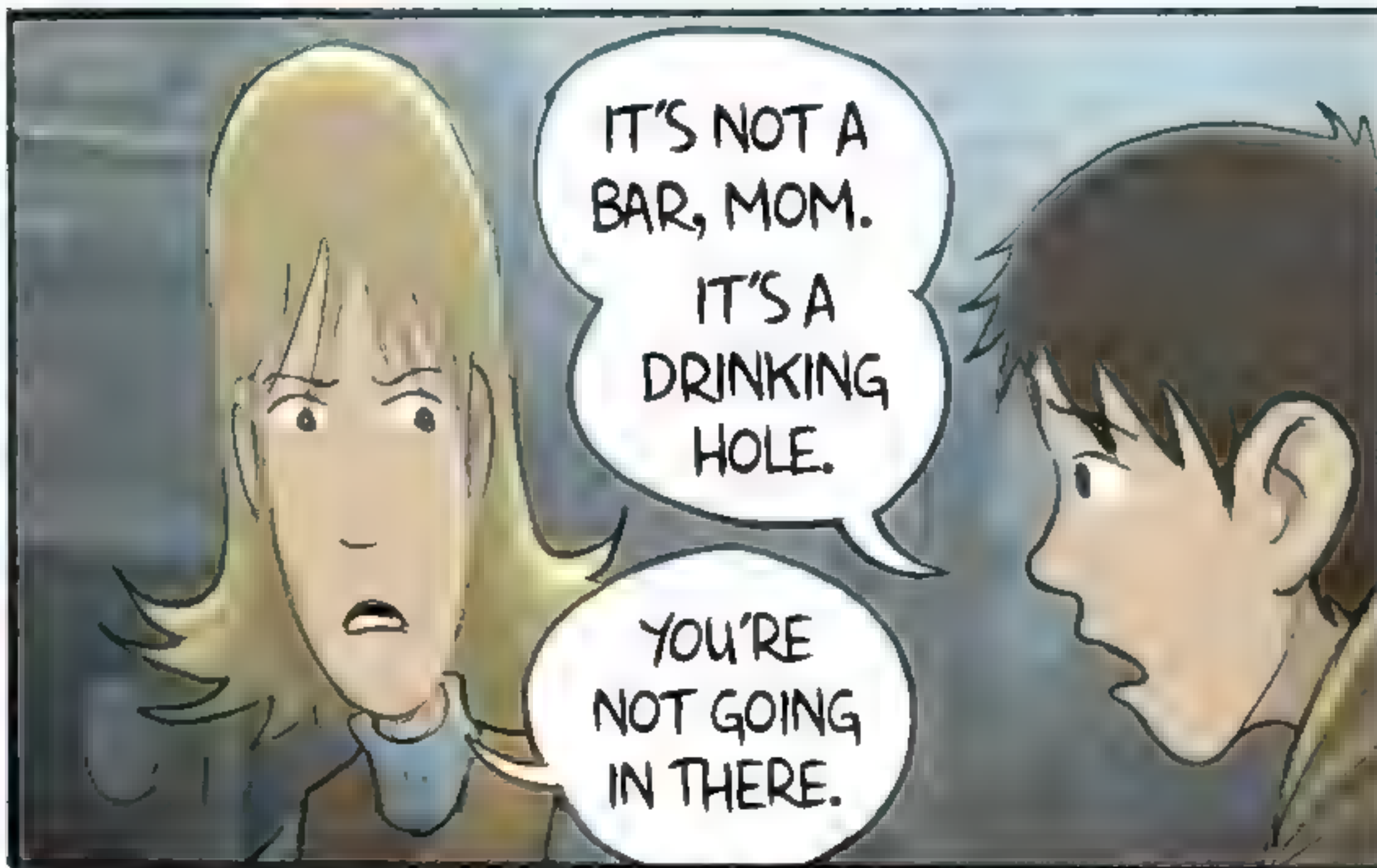


SINCE GAINING
POWER, THE ELVES
HAVE FORCED PILOTS
TO FLY FOR MUCH
LOWER WAGES
THAN THEY'RE
ACCUSTOMED TO.

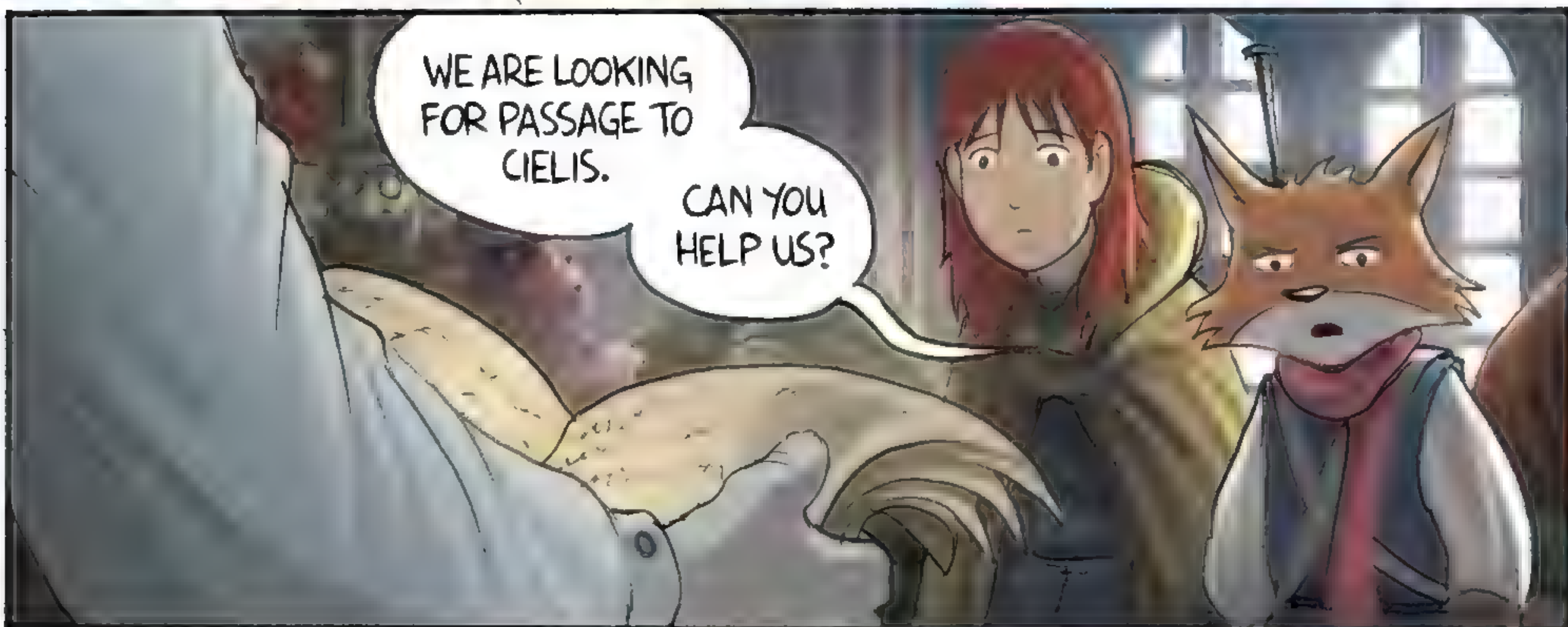


IT'S AN
UNFORTUNATE
SITUATION, BUT ONE
THAT WORKS TO OUR
ADVANTAGE.

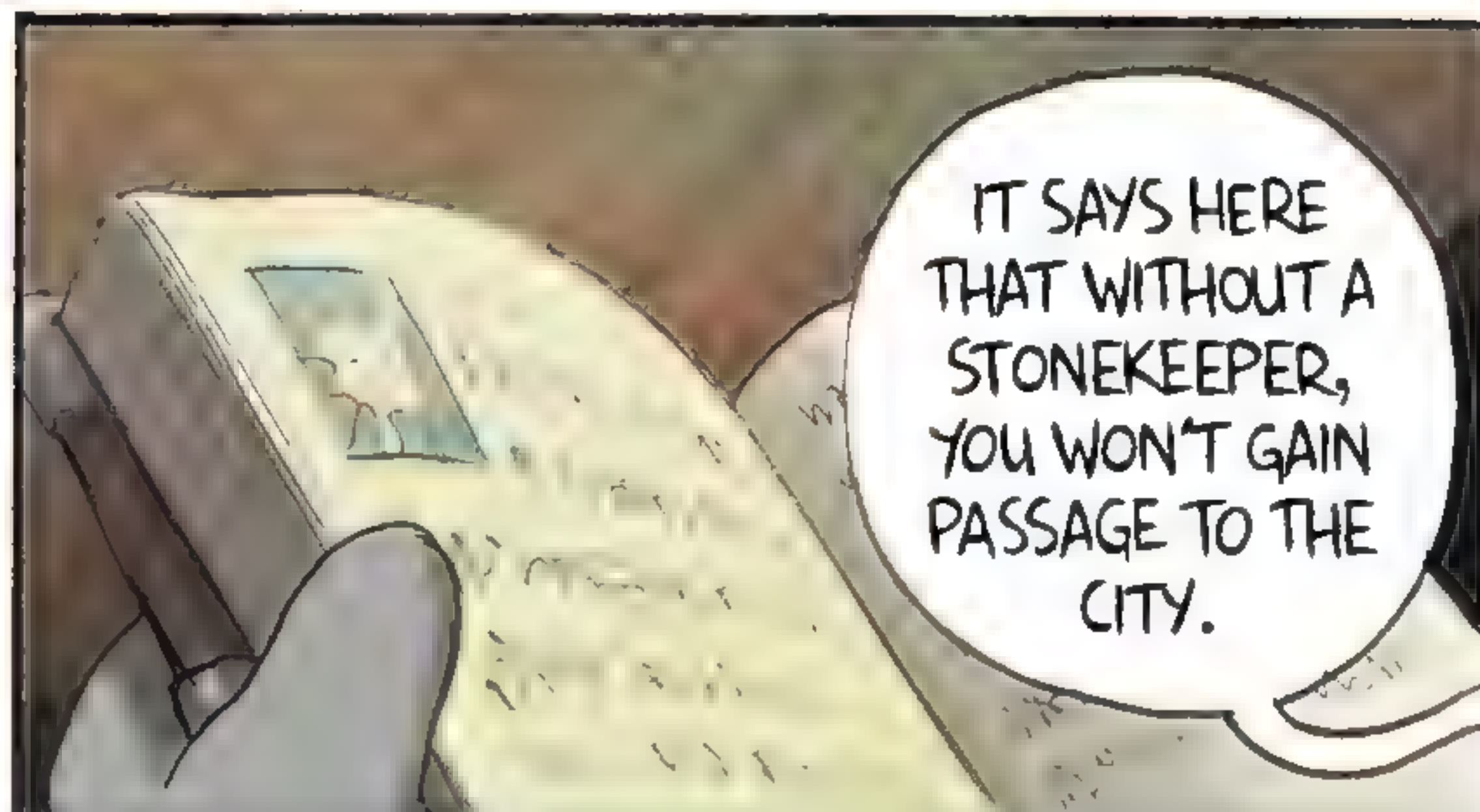
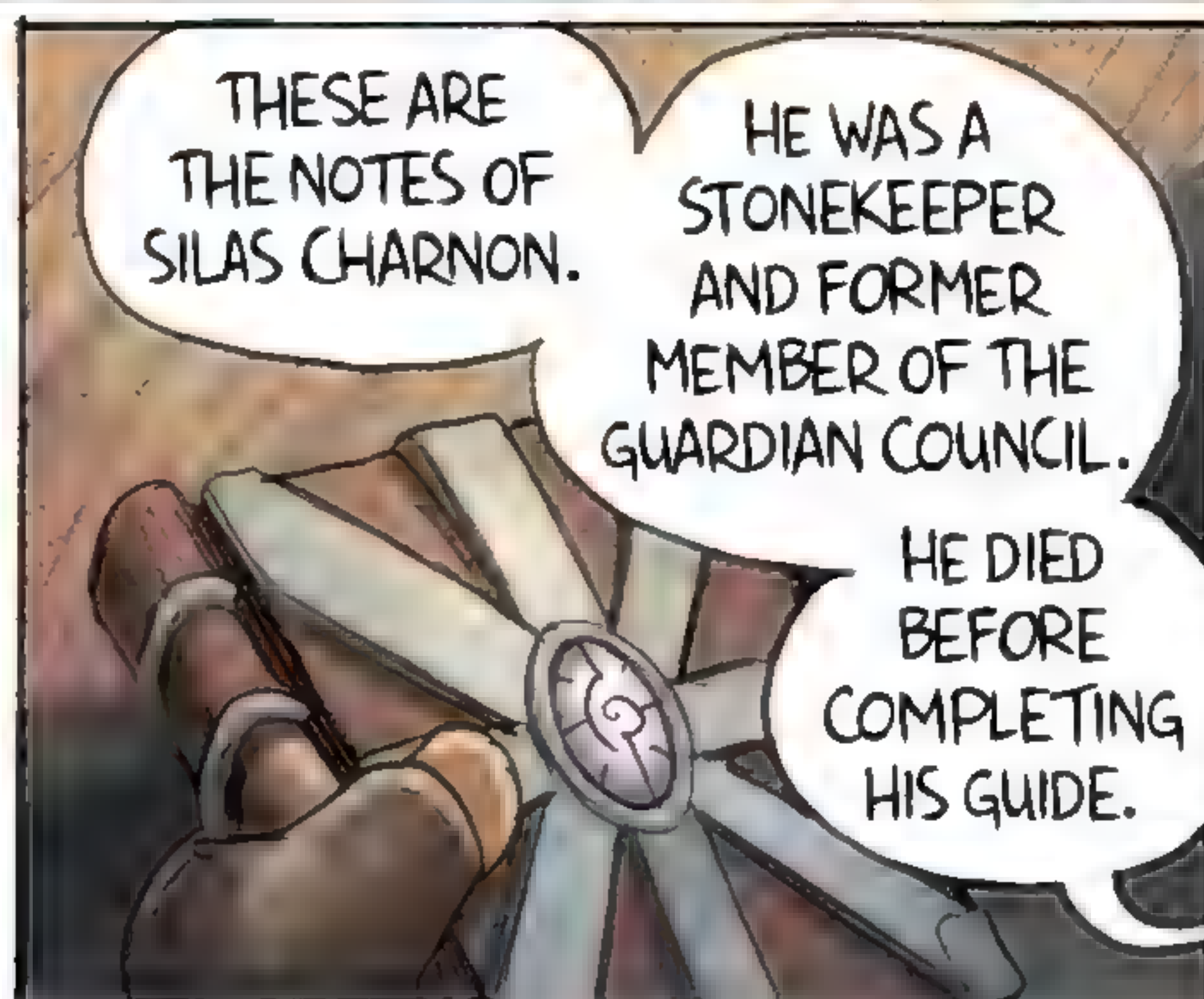


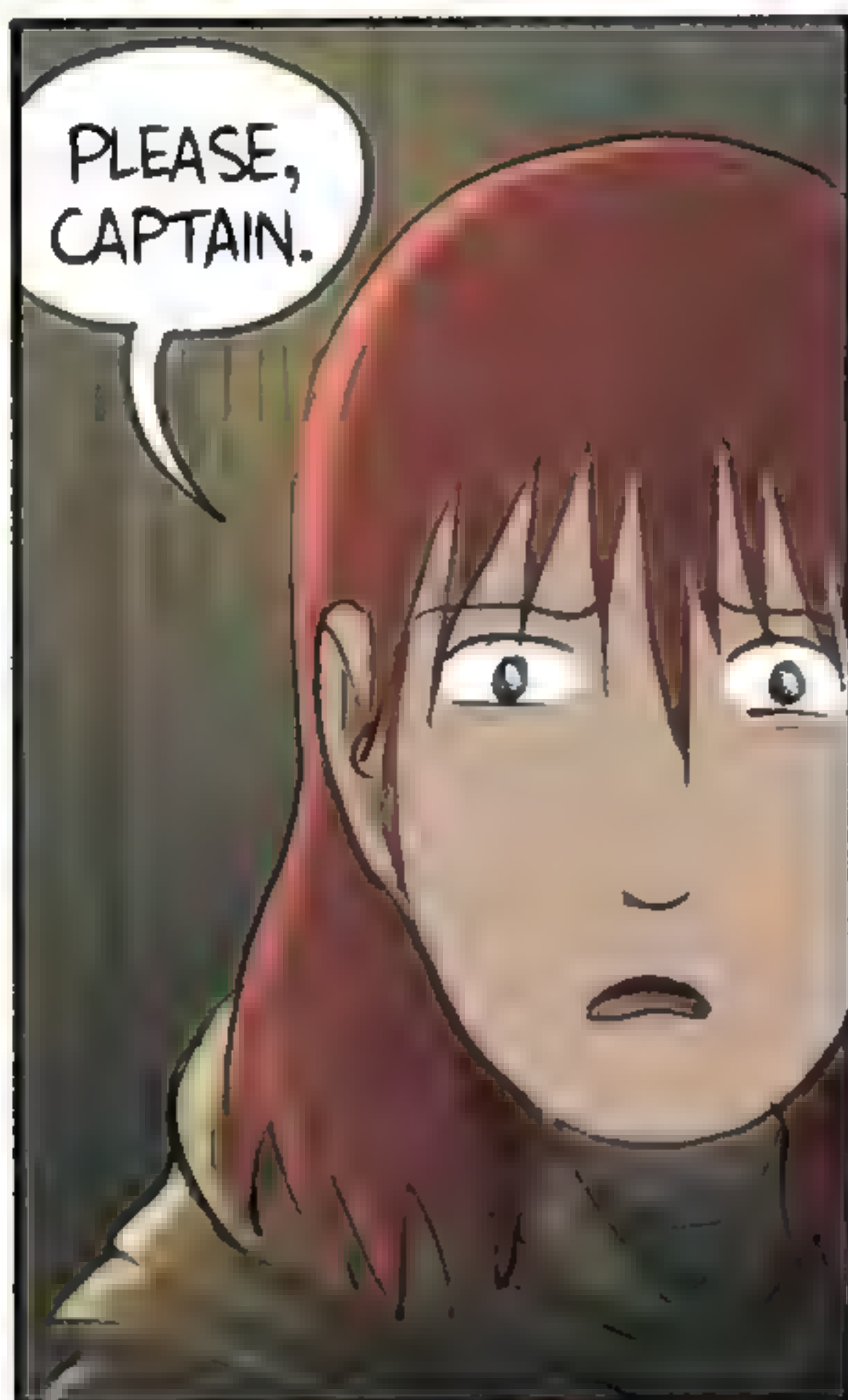




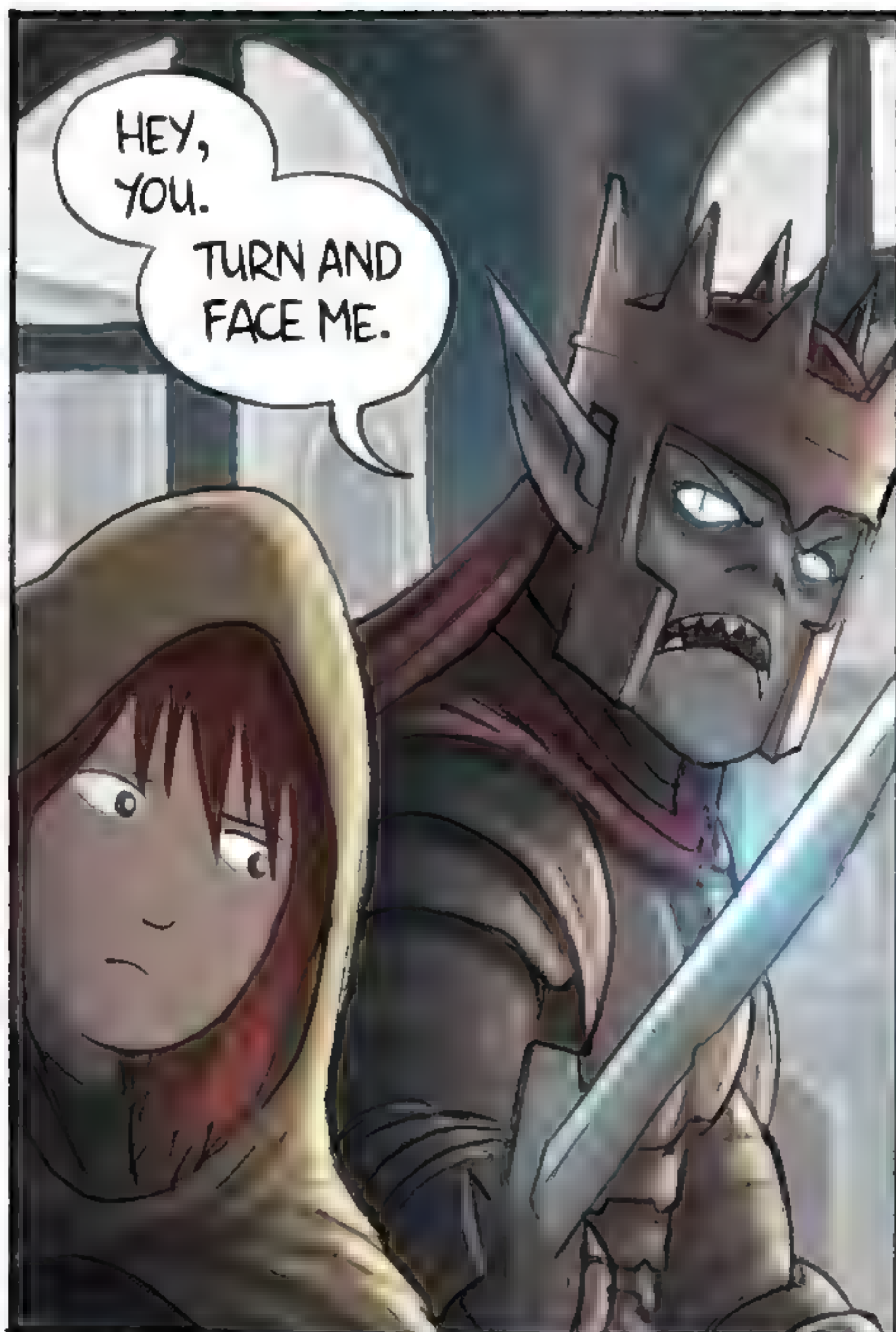


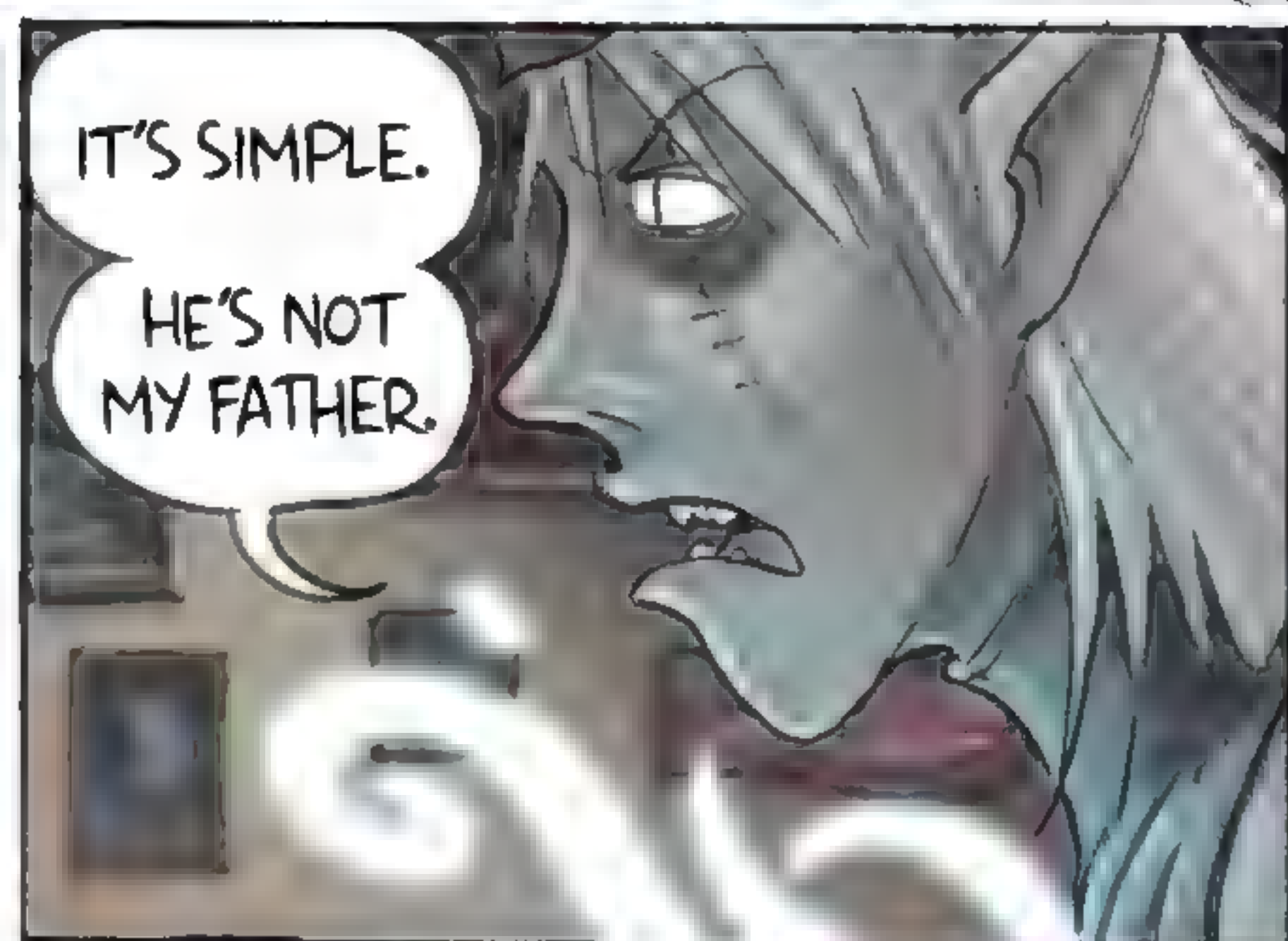


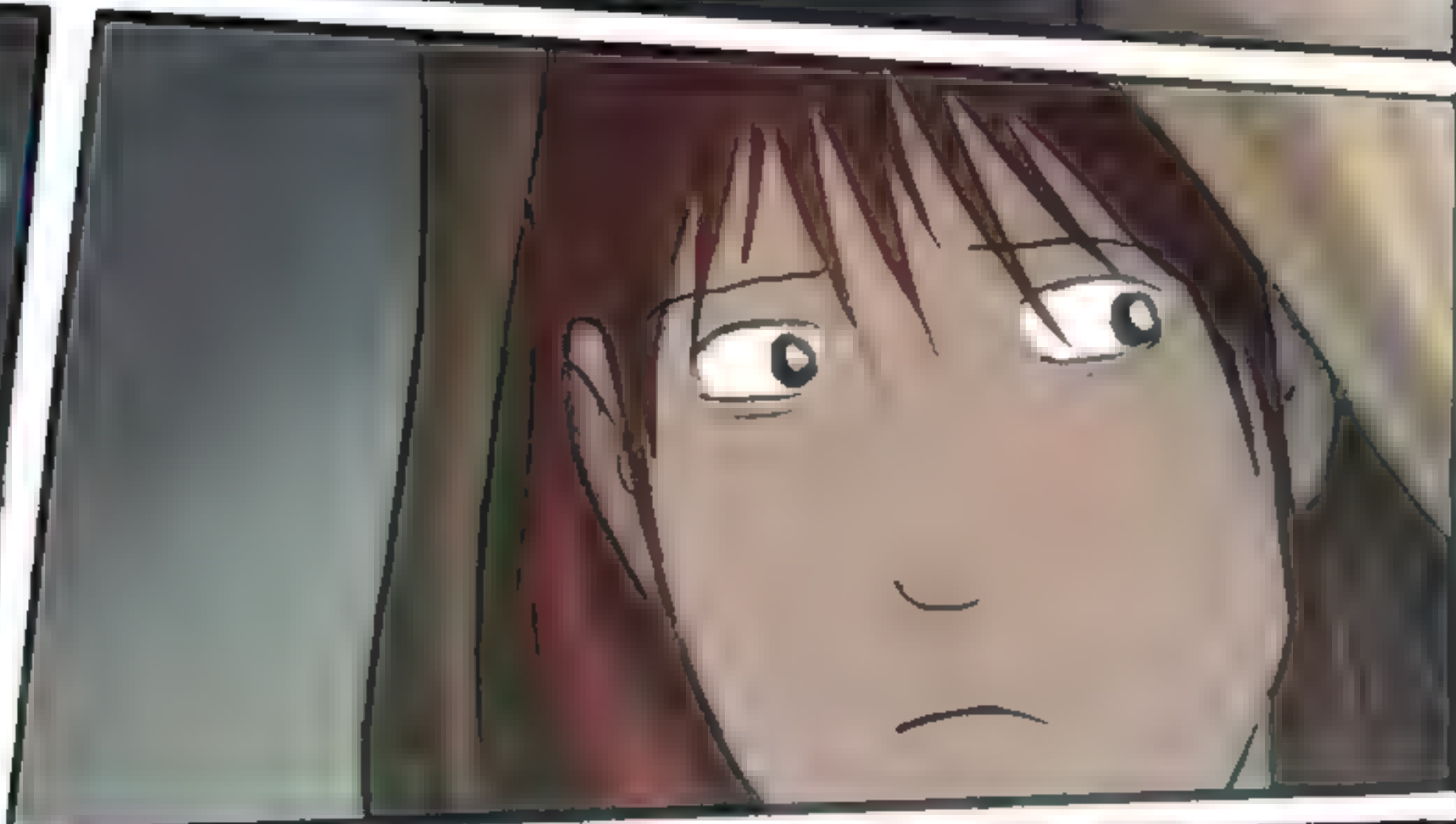
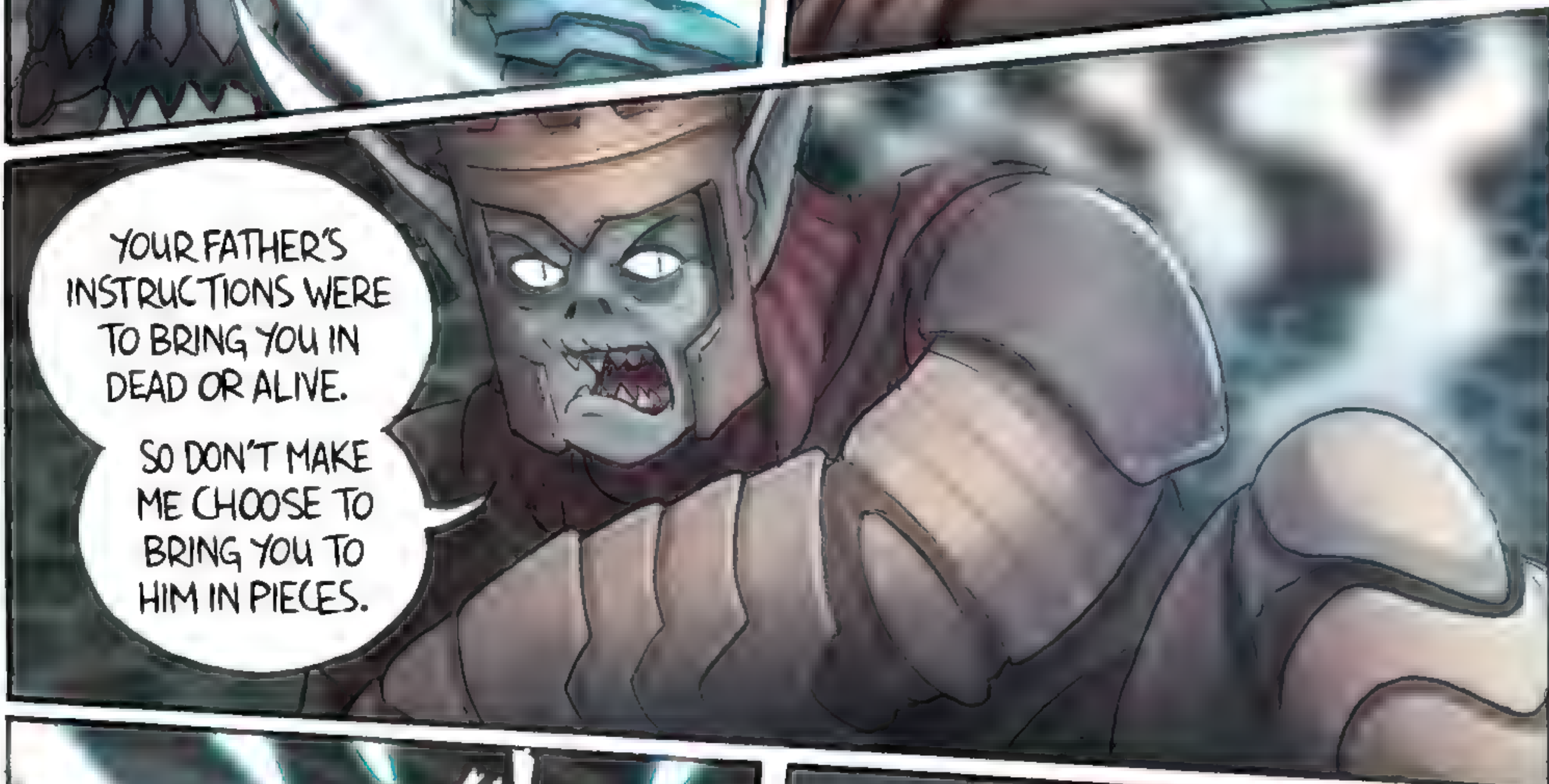


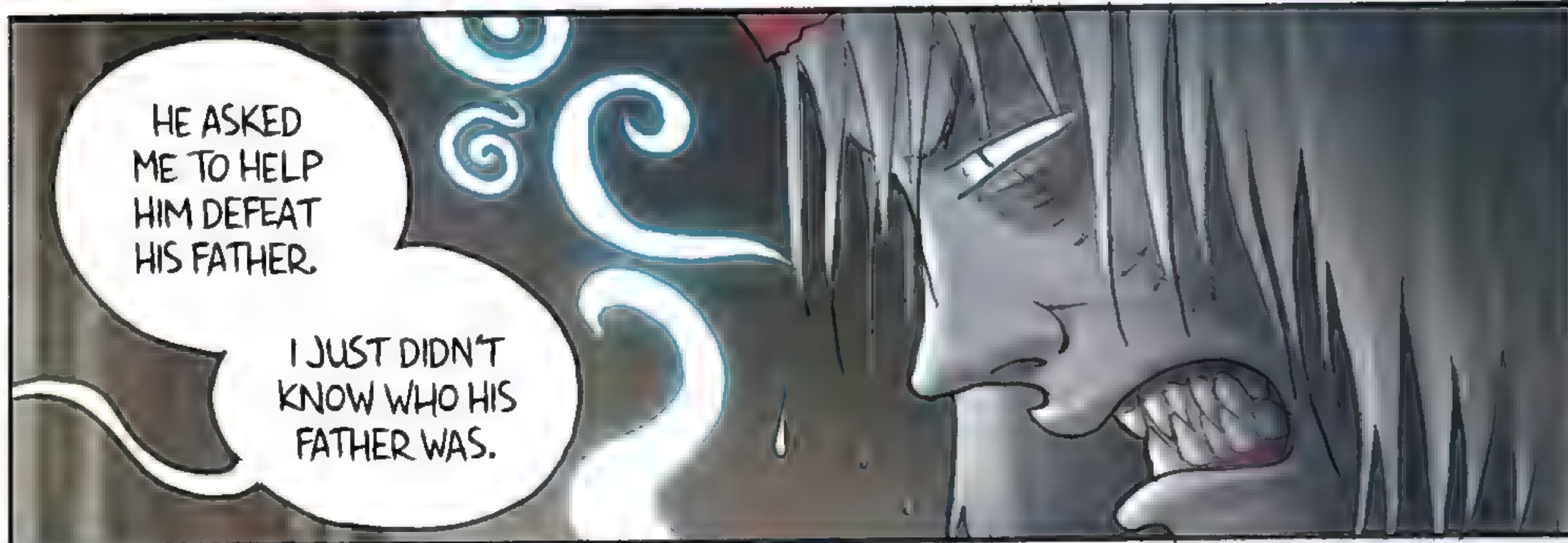
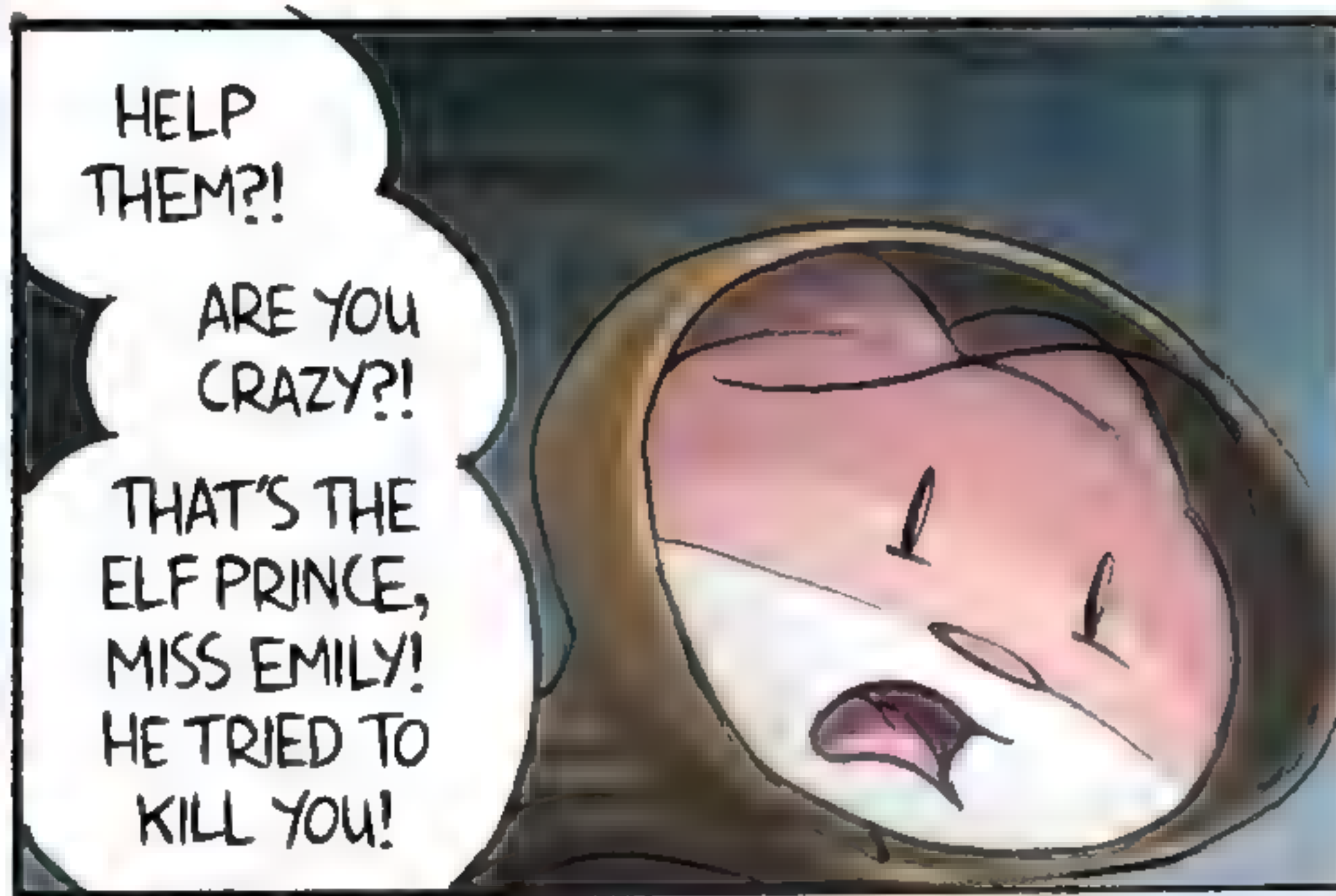




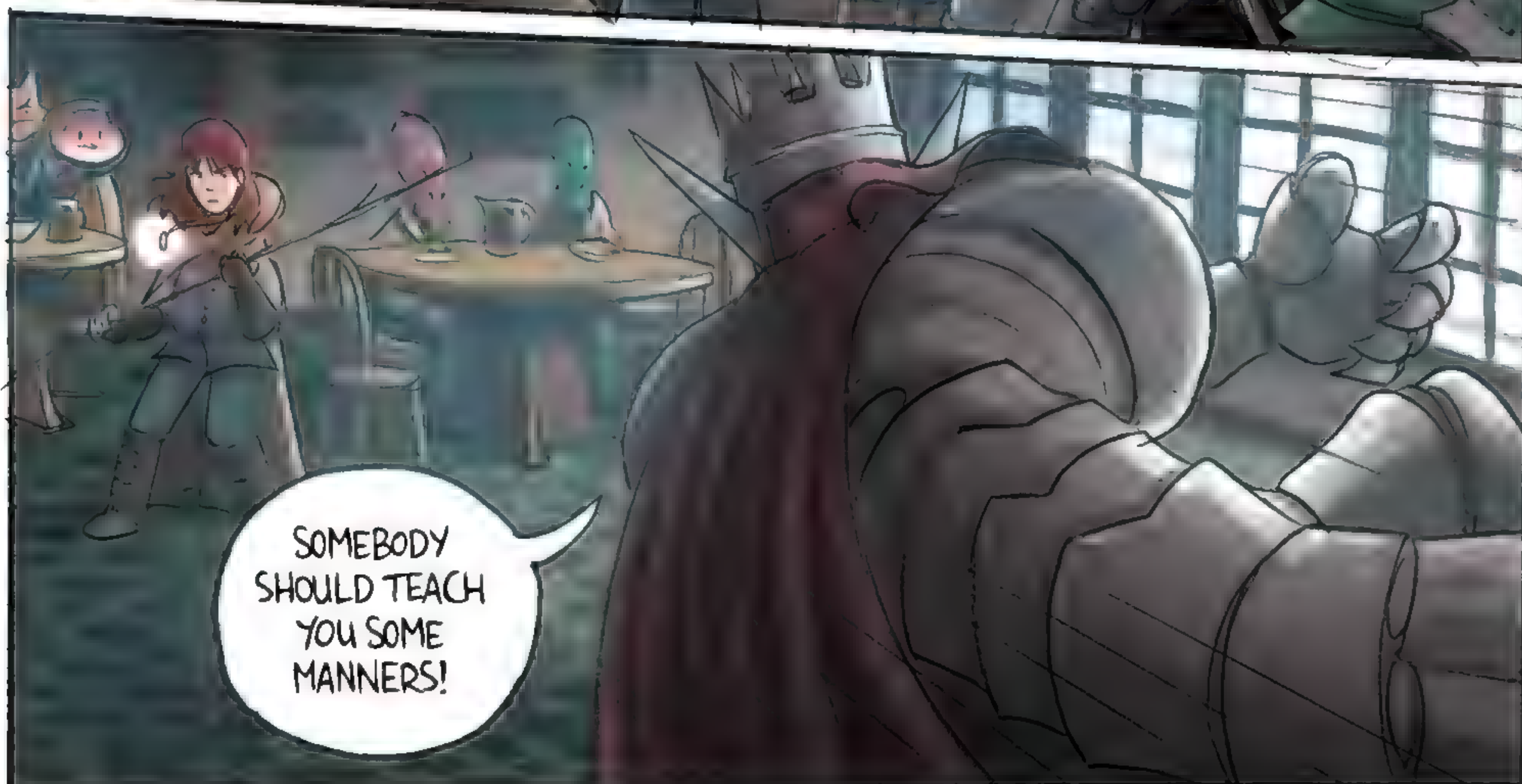


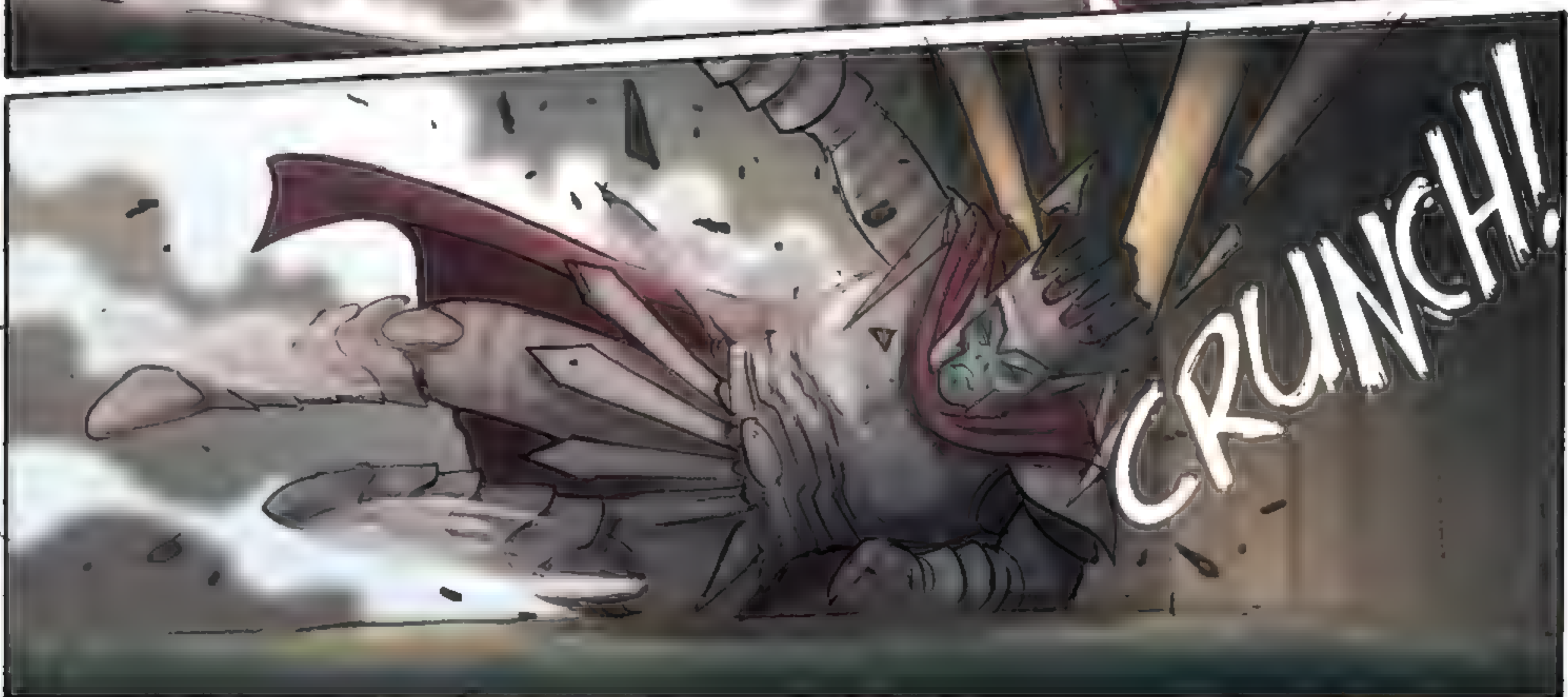






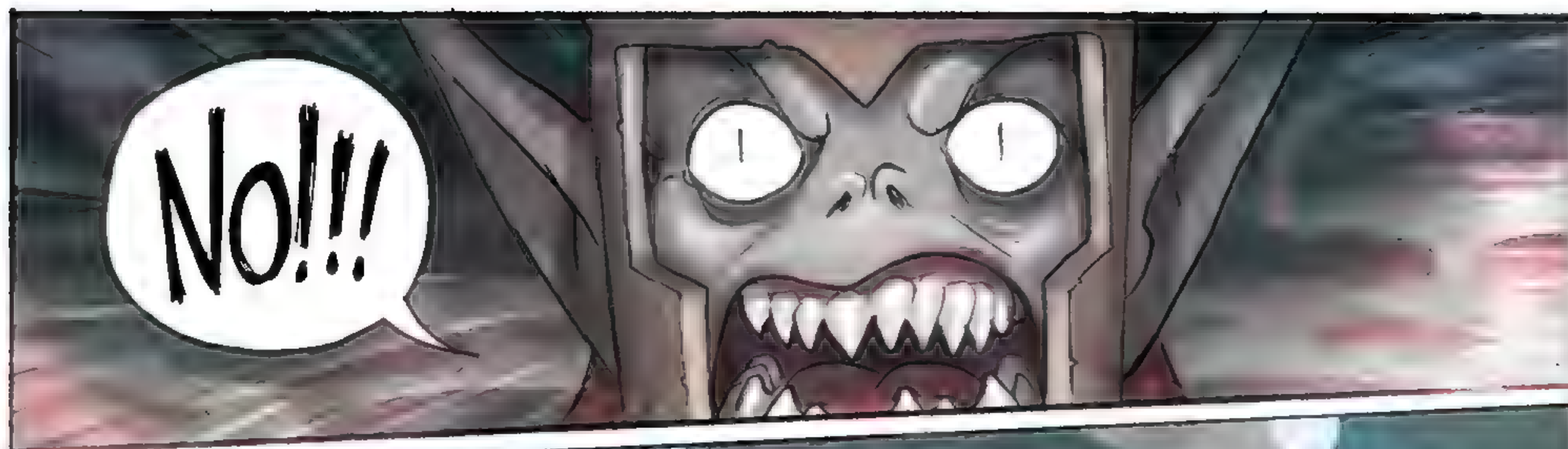


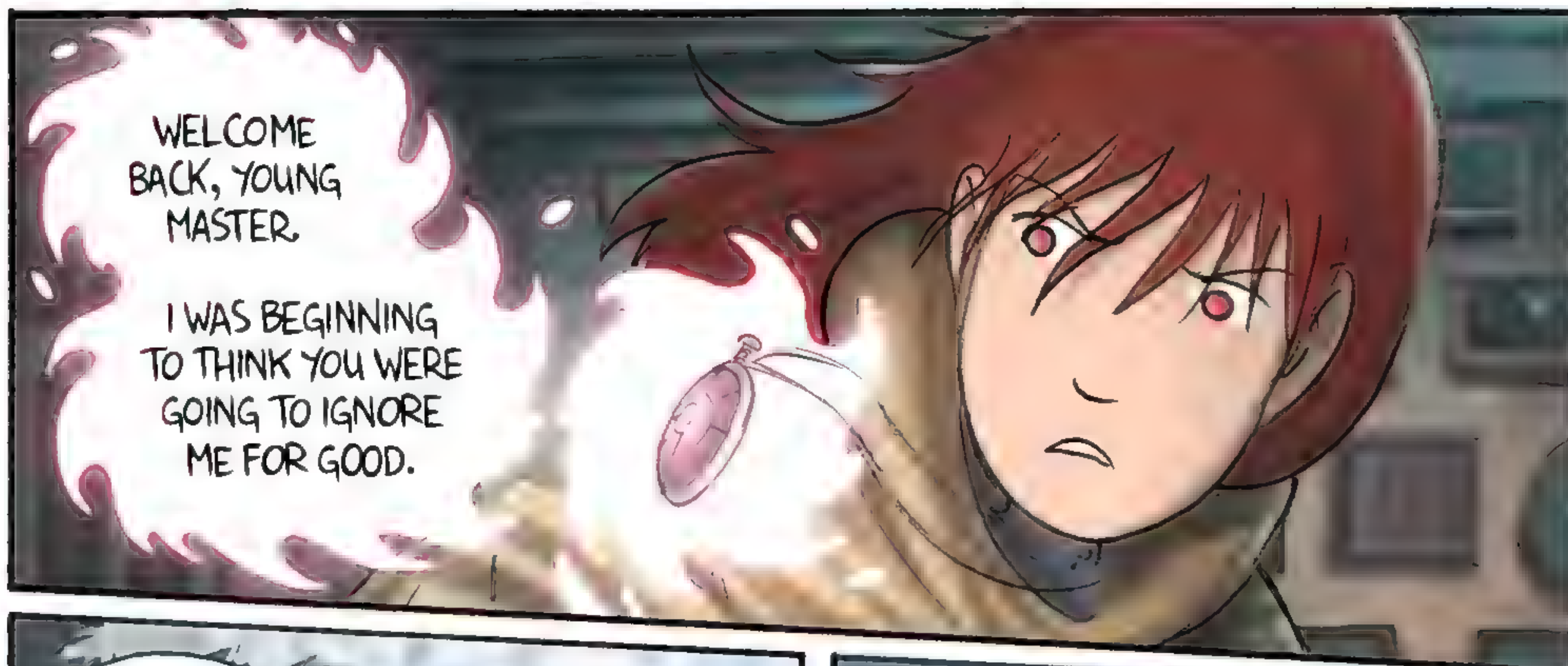












WELCOME
BACK, YOUNG
MASTER.

I WAS BEGINNING
TO THINK YOU WERE
GOING TO IGNORE
ME FOR GOOD.



CAPTAIN,
WE'RE GOING
TO NEED YOUR
HELP.

AND WE
DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME.

YES, OF
COURSE.

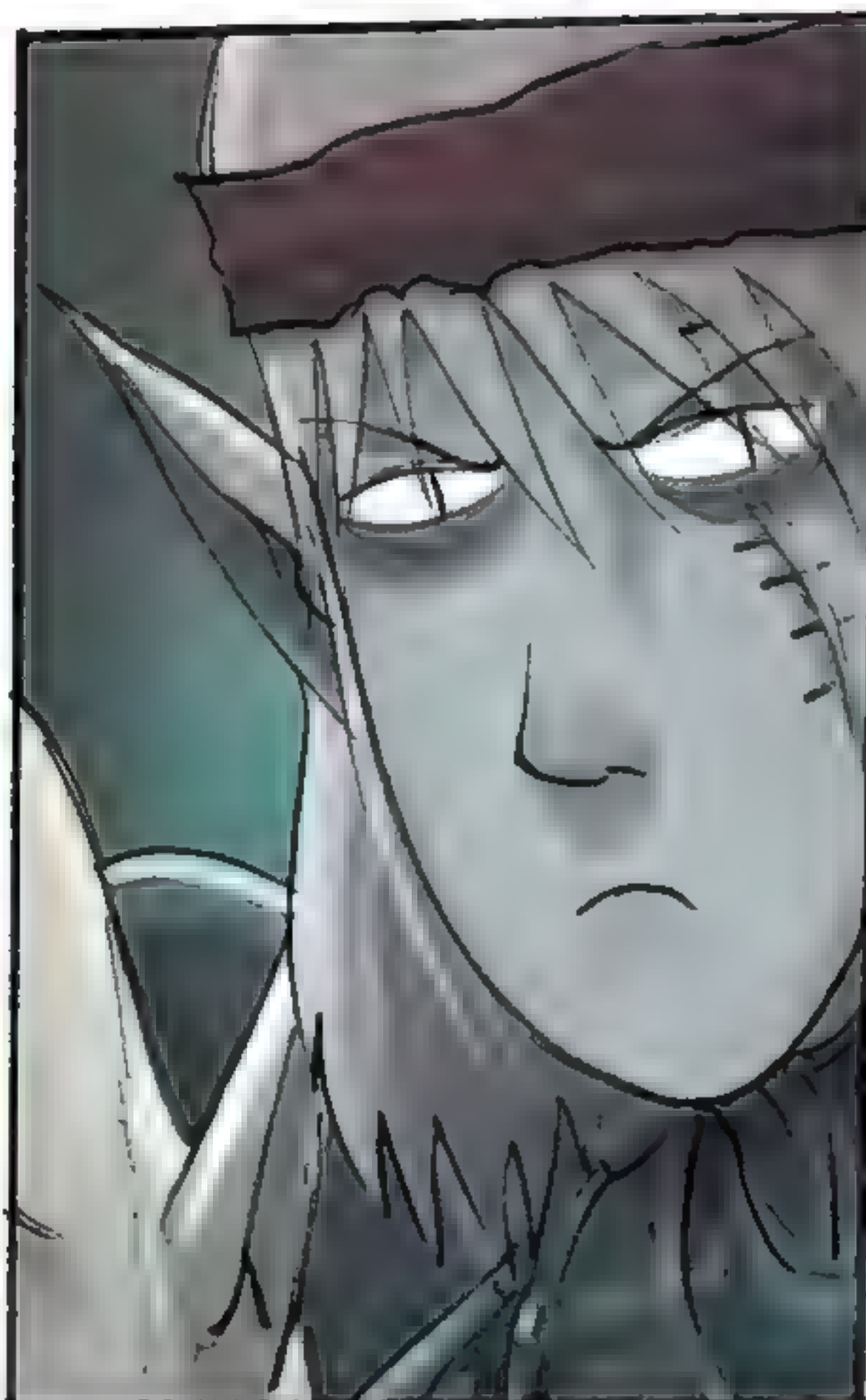
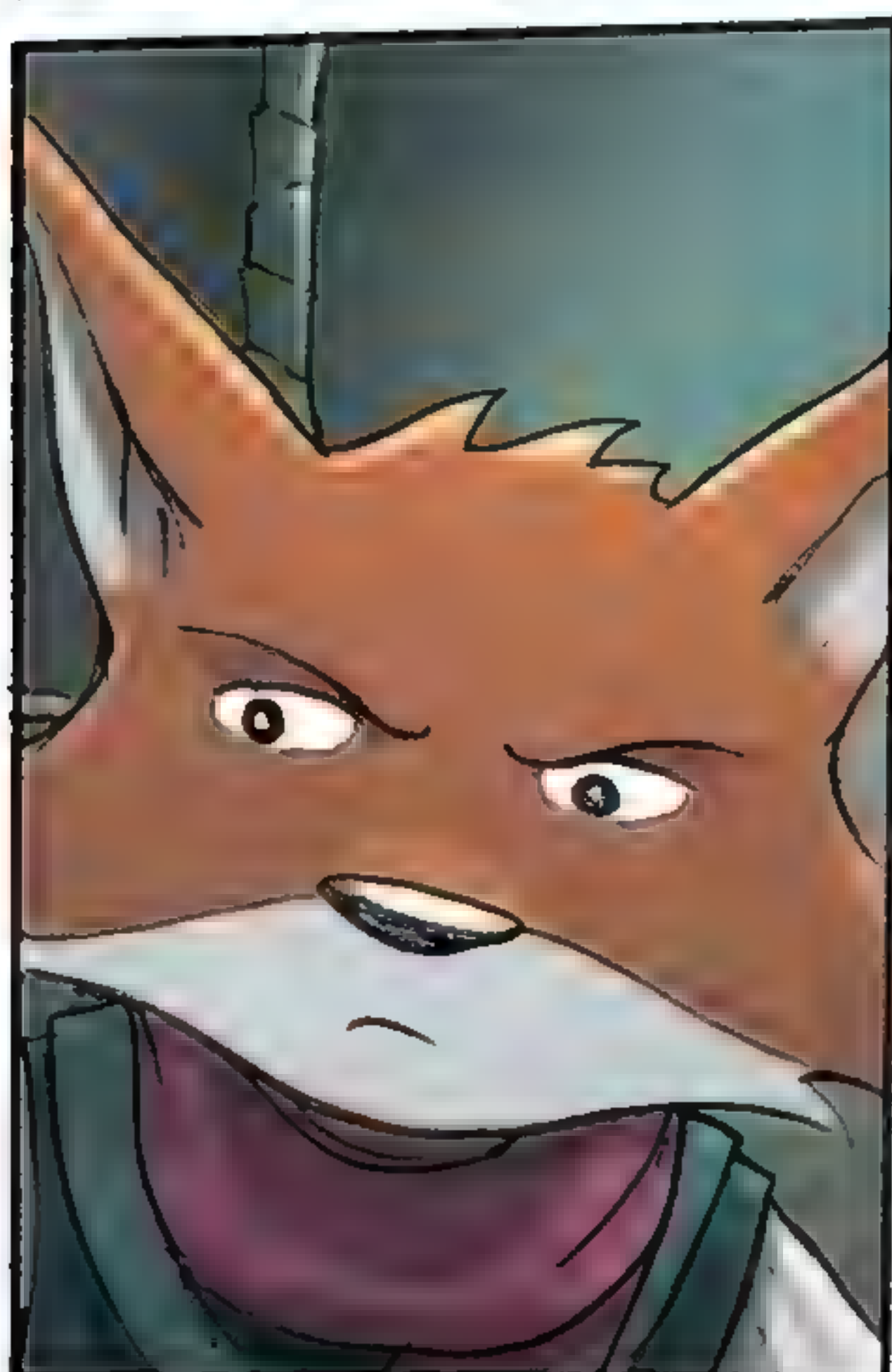
OUR SHIP
IS AT THE
DOCK.



MISKIT, GET
EVERYONE INTO
THE TRANSPORT.



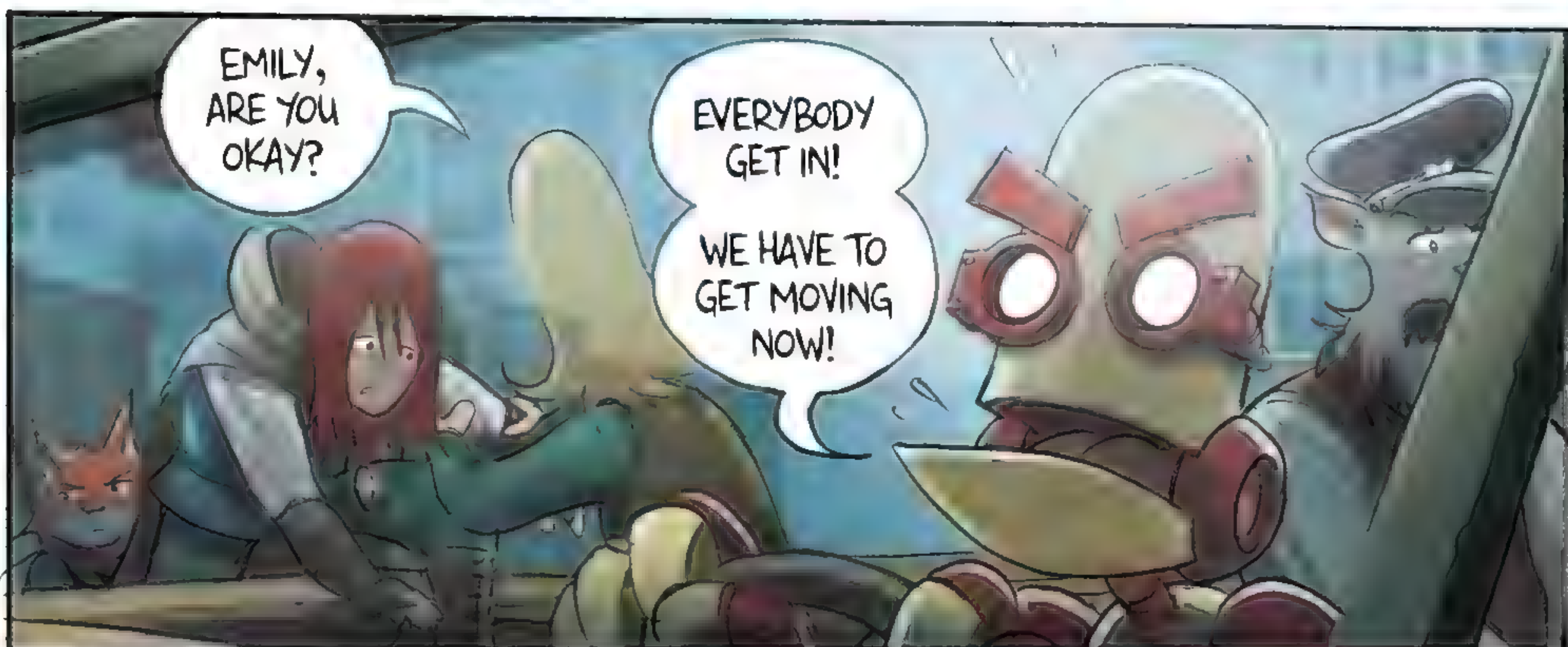
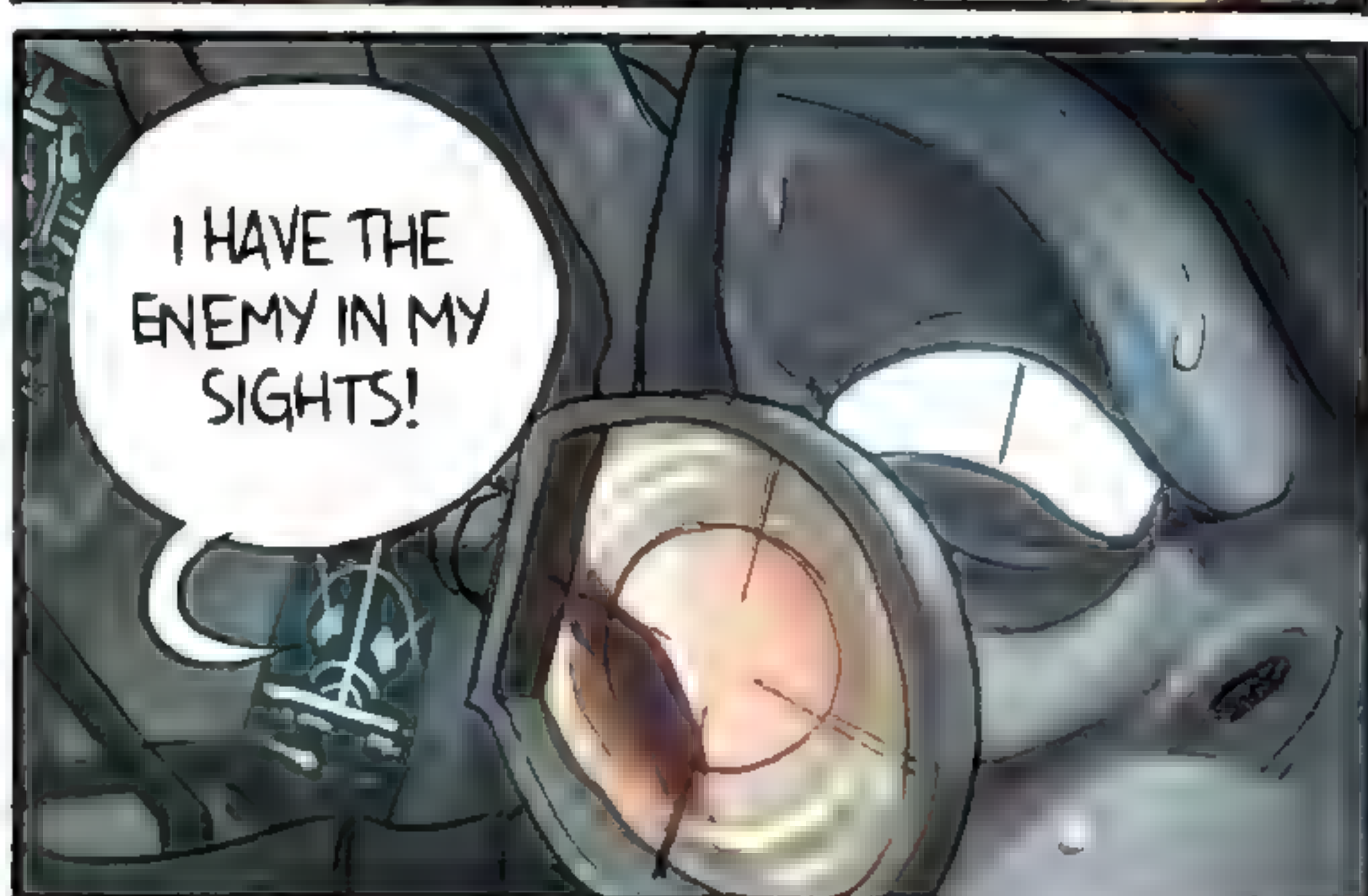
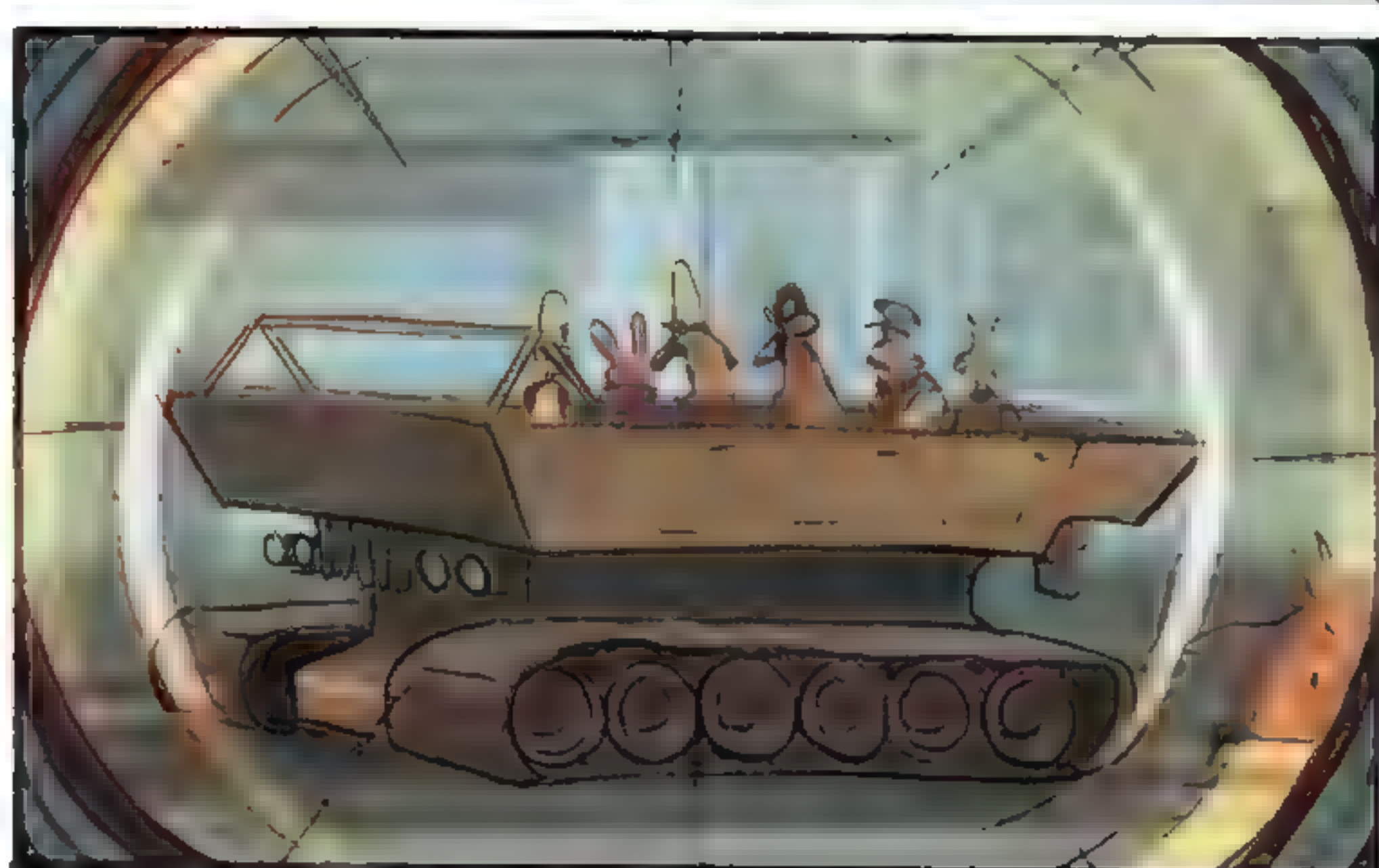
EVERYONE?
WHAT ABOUT
THEM?



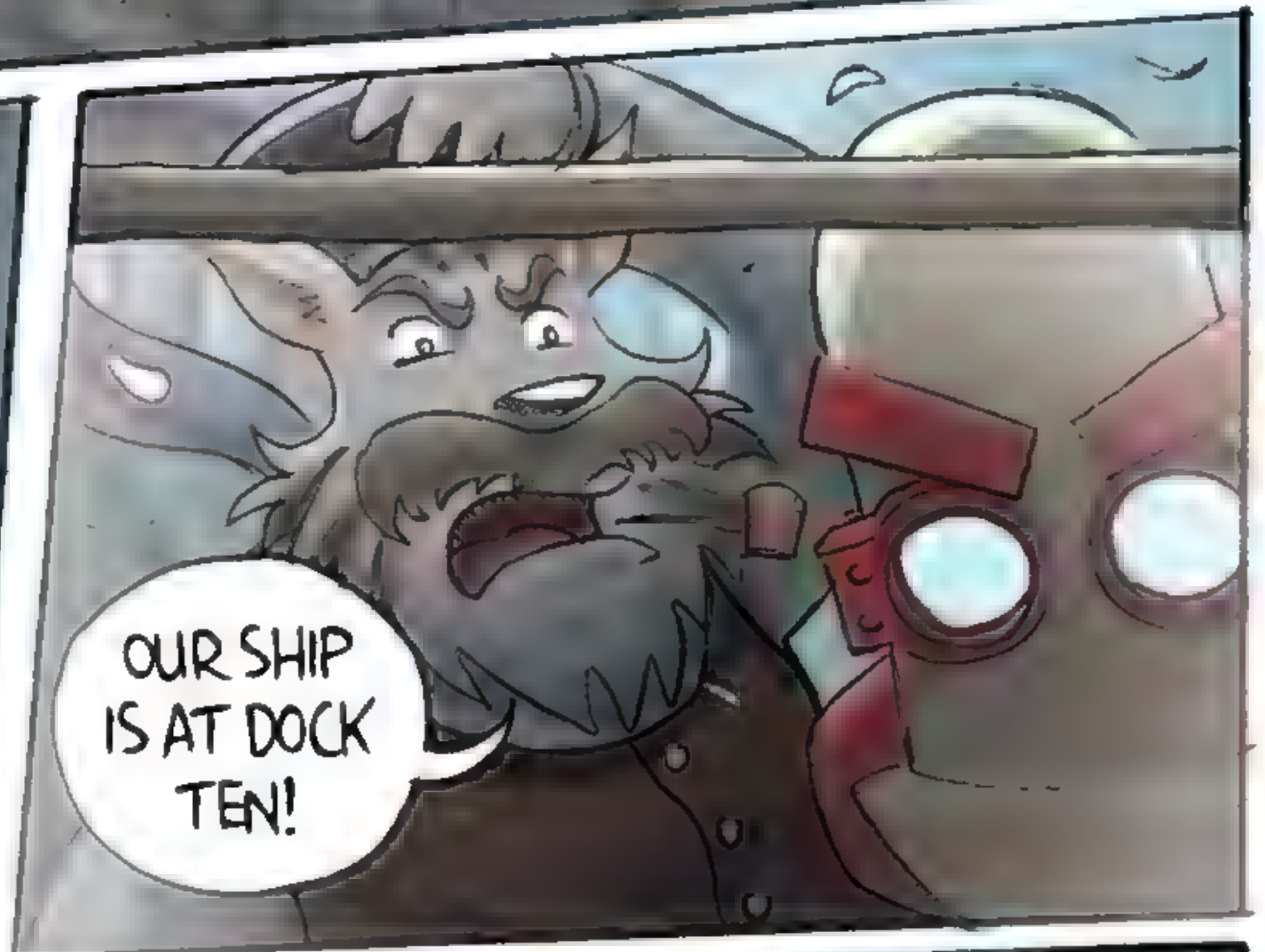
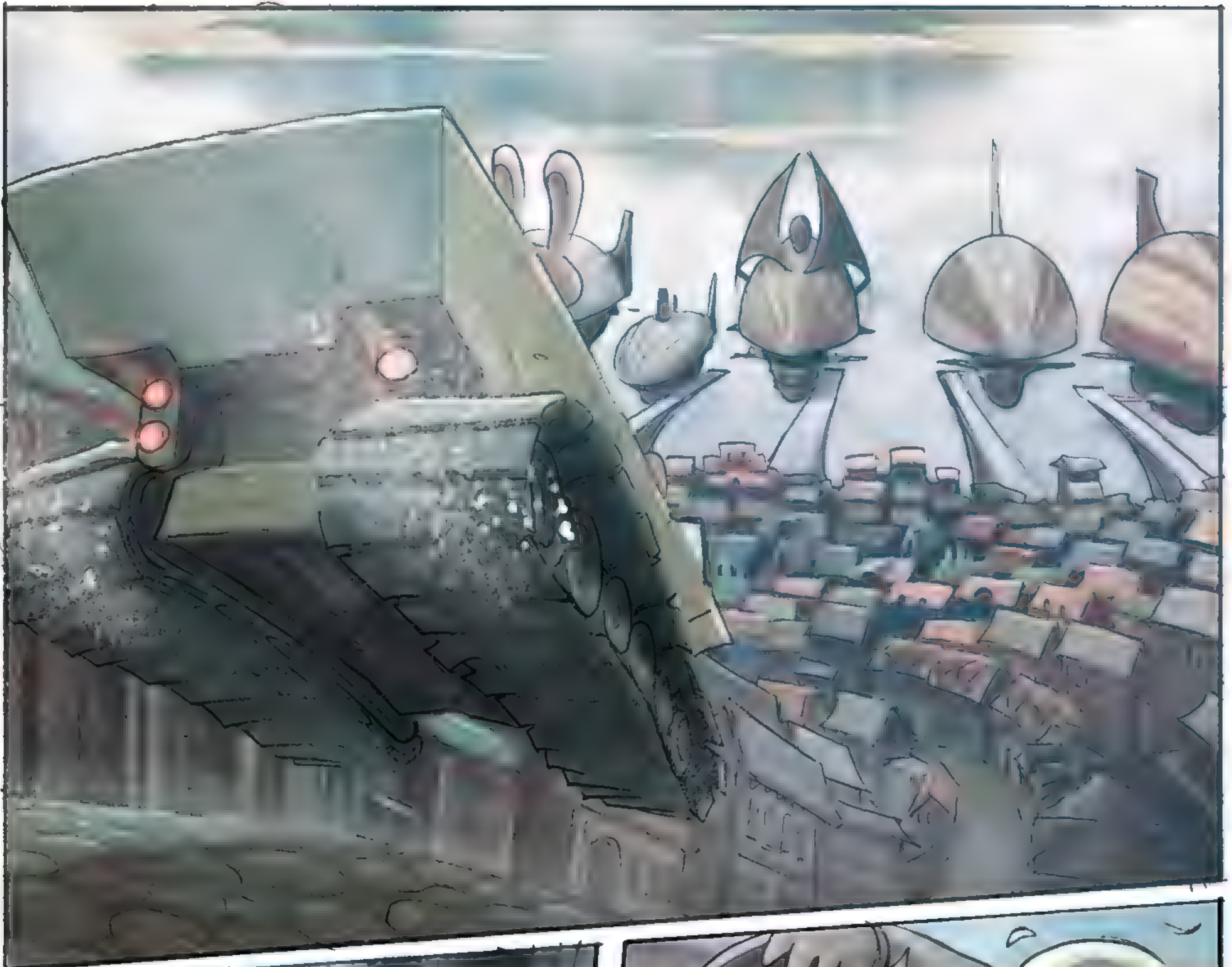
YES.
BRING
THEM, TOO.

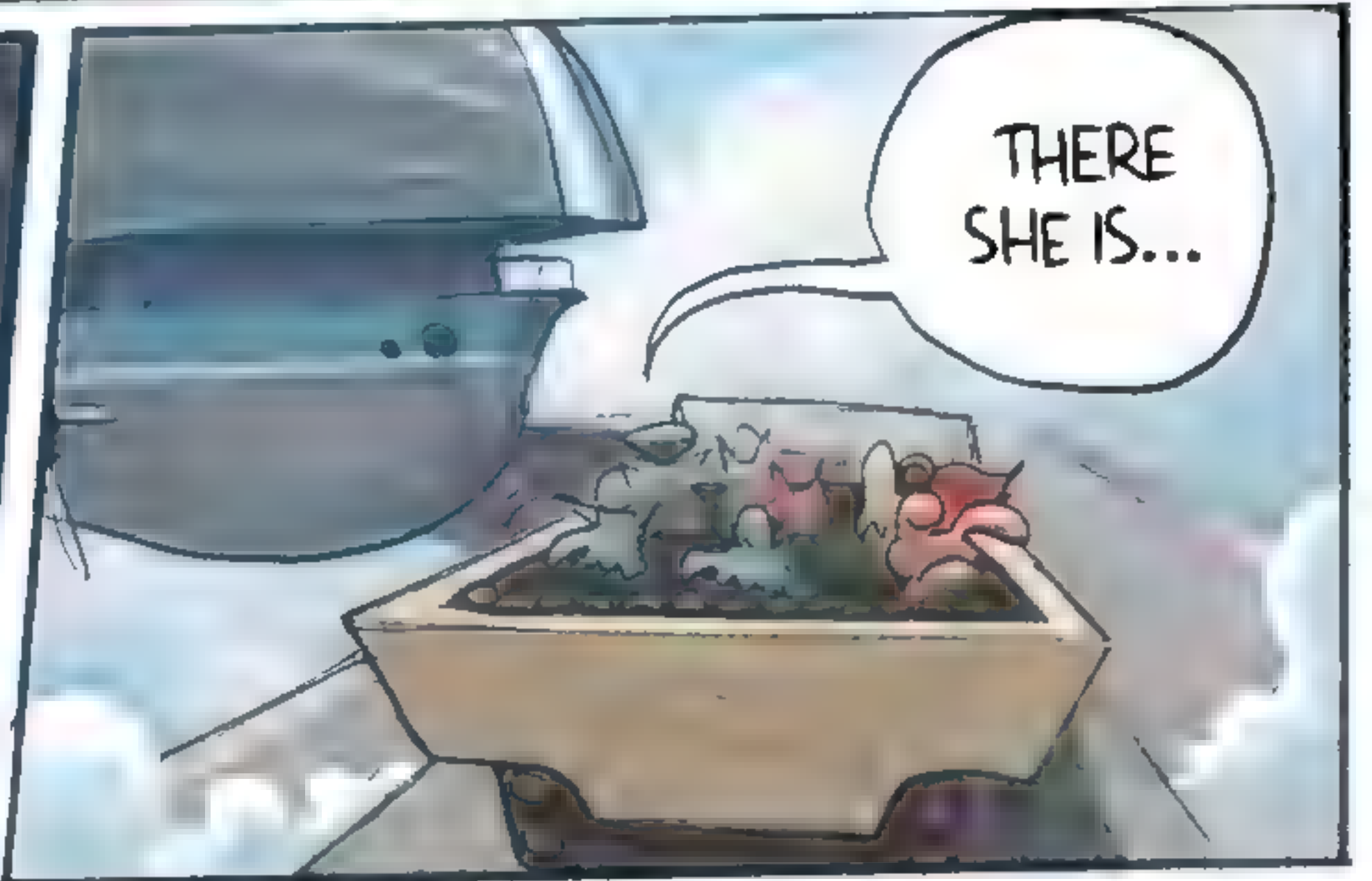
NOW HURRY
AND GET EVERY-
ONE OUTSIDE!

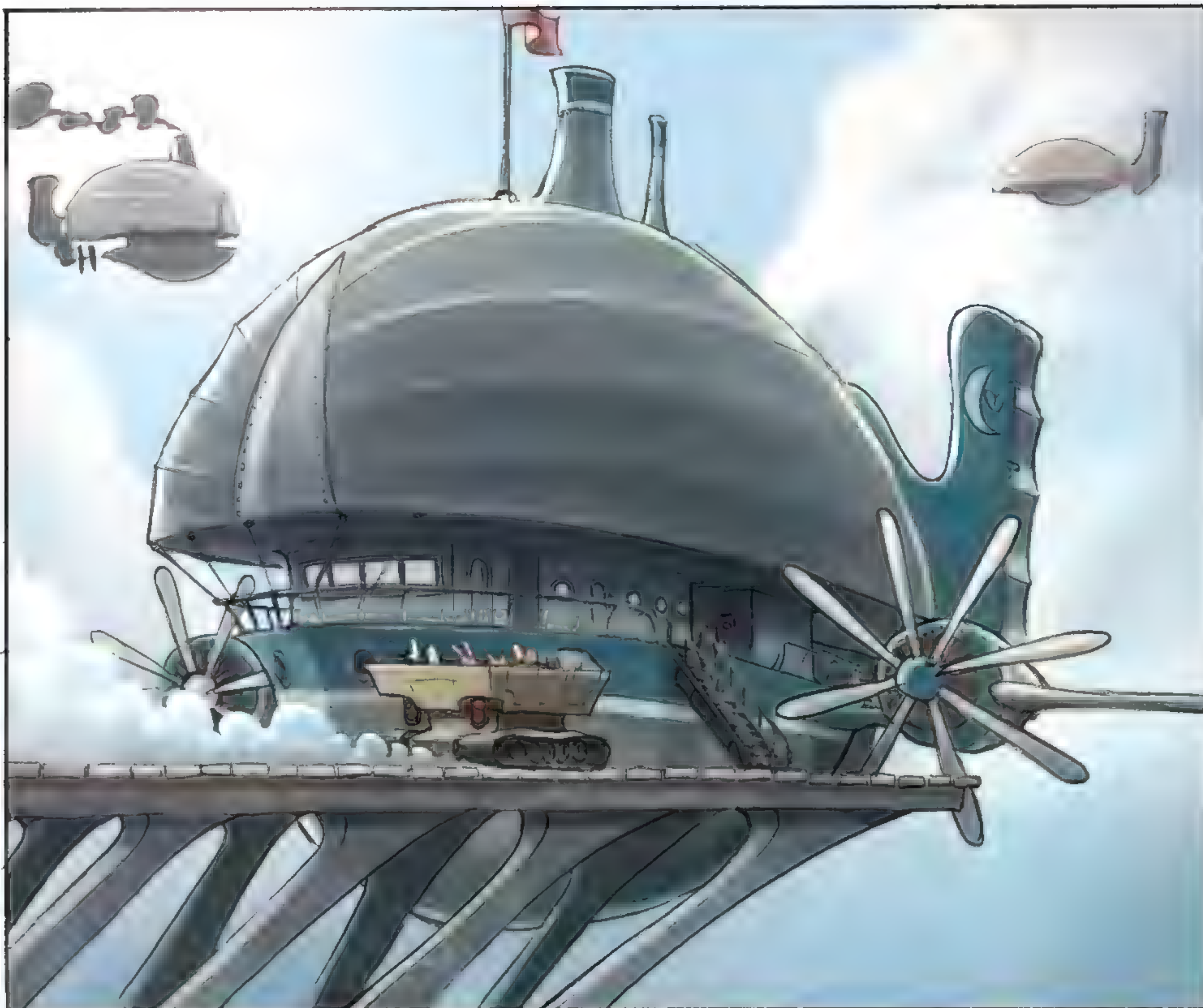












THIS THING
IS A PIECE
OF JUNK!

AND IT'S
THE TINIEST
SHIP HERE!

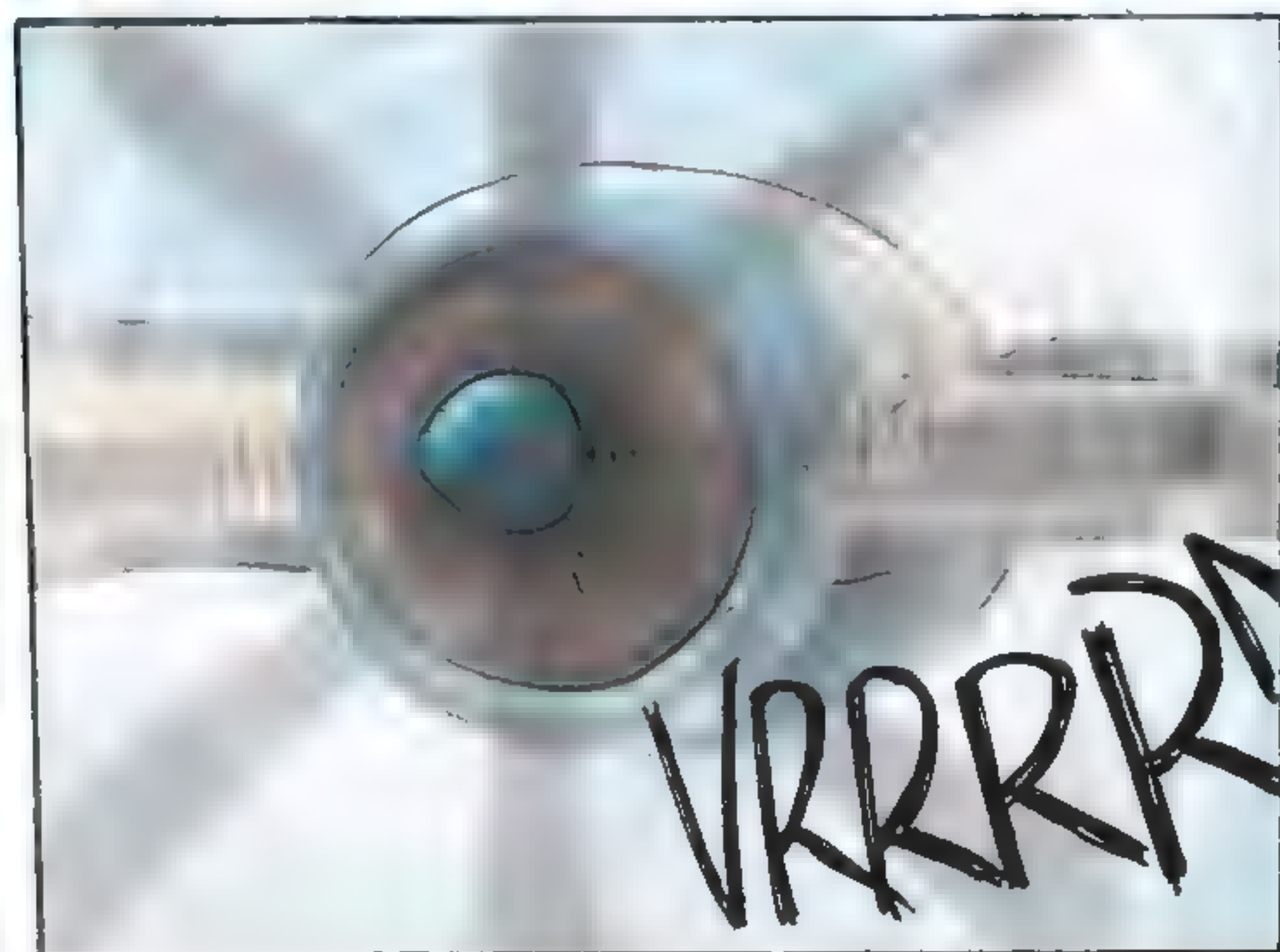
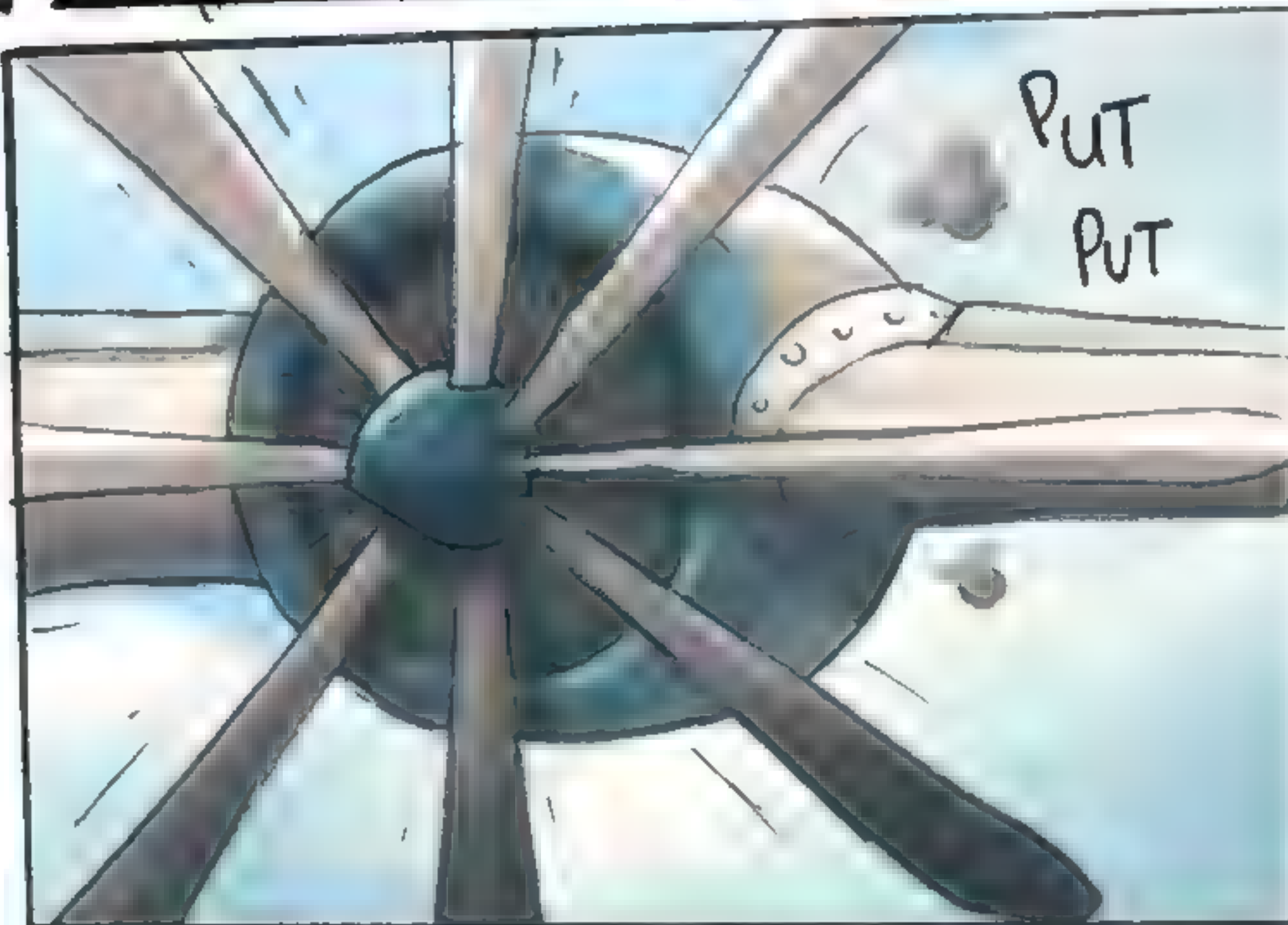
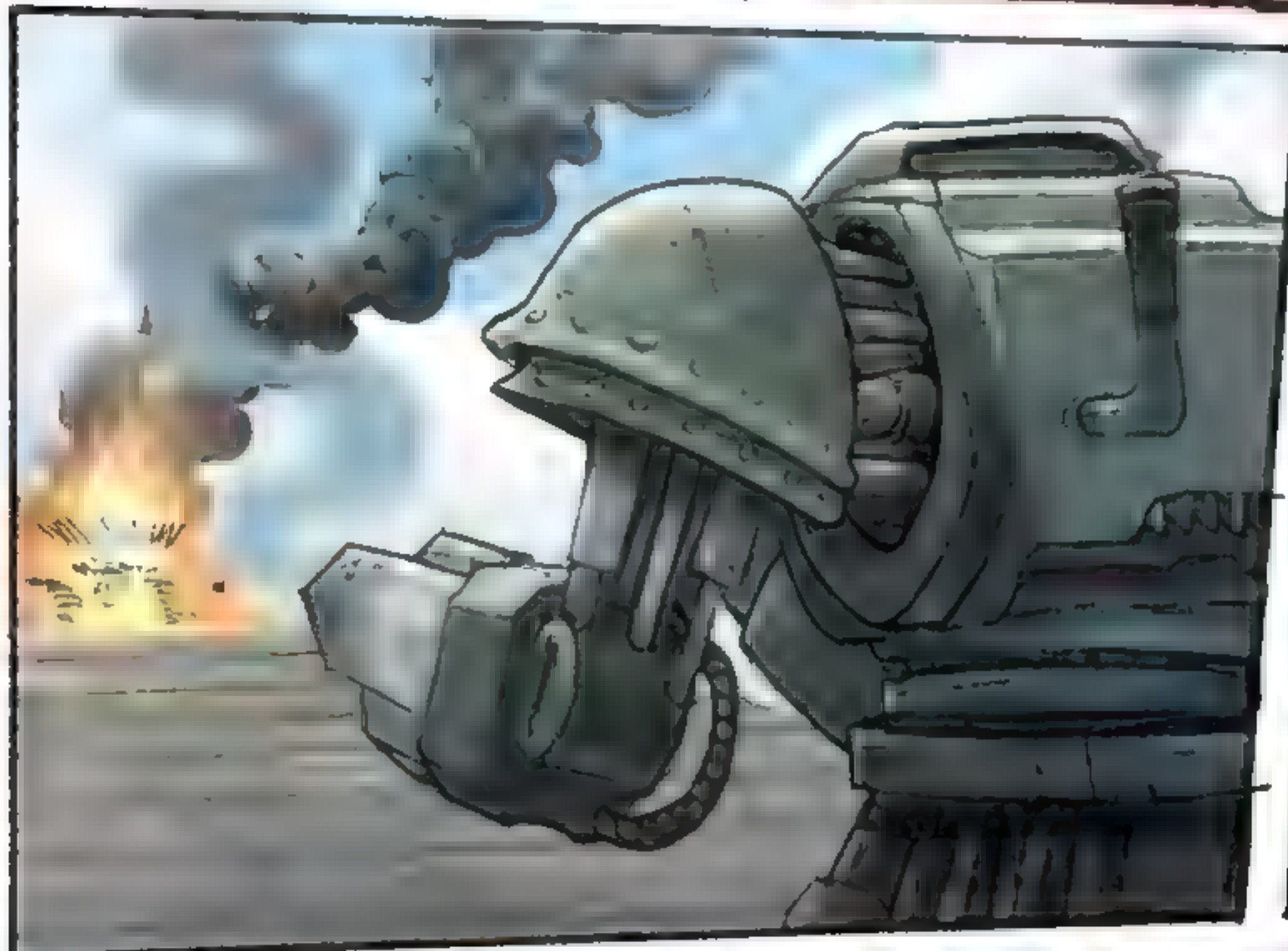


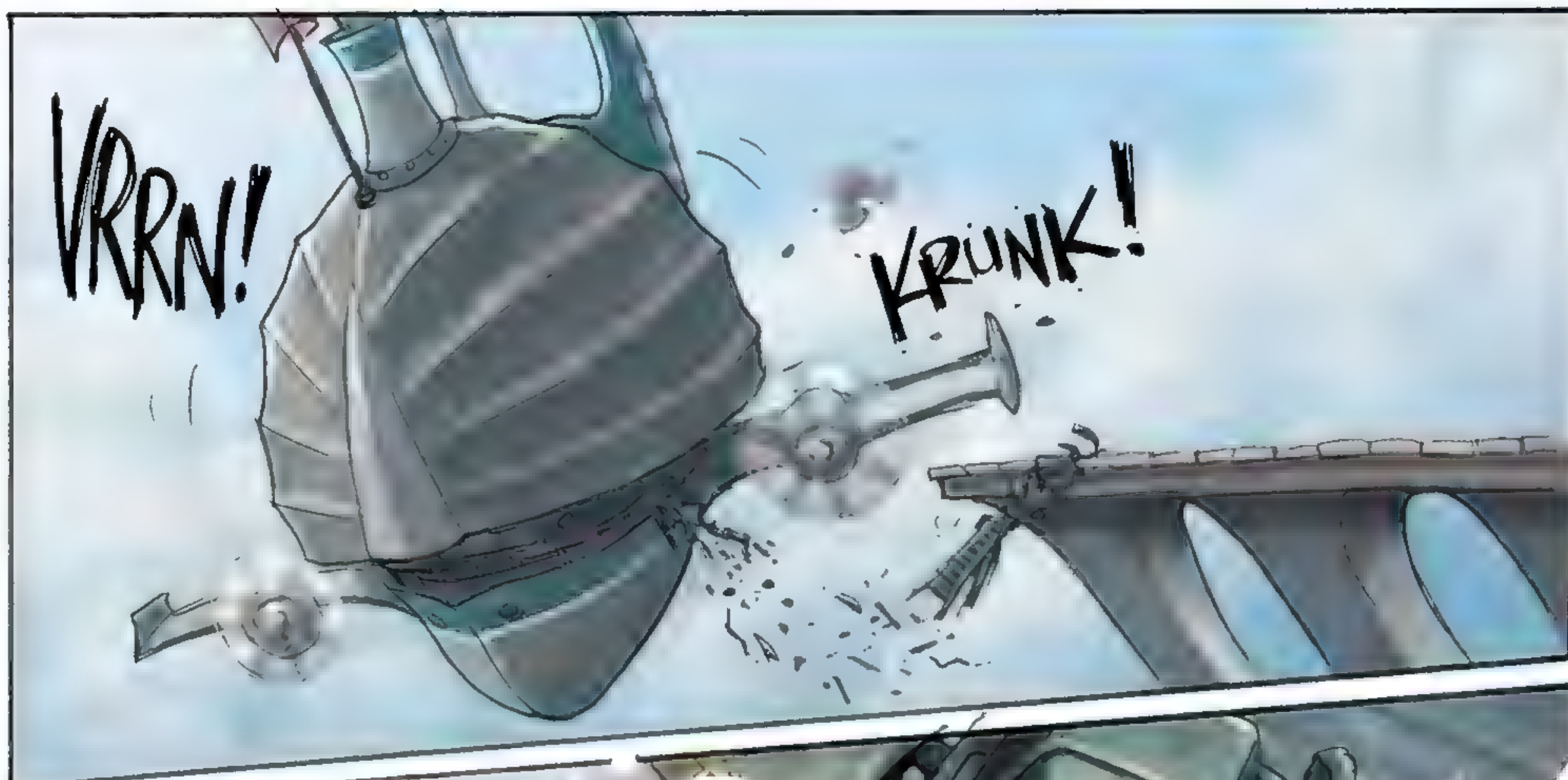
SHE MIGHT
BE SMALL,
BUT SHE'S
FAST.

HMPH.

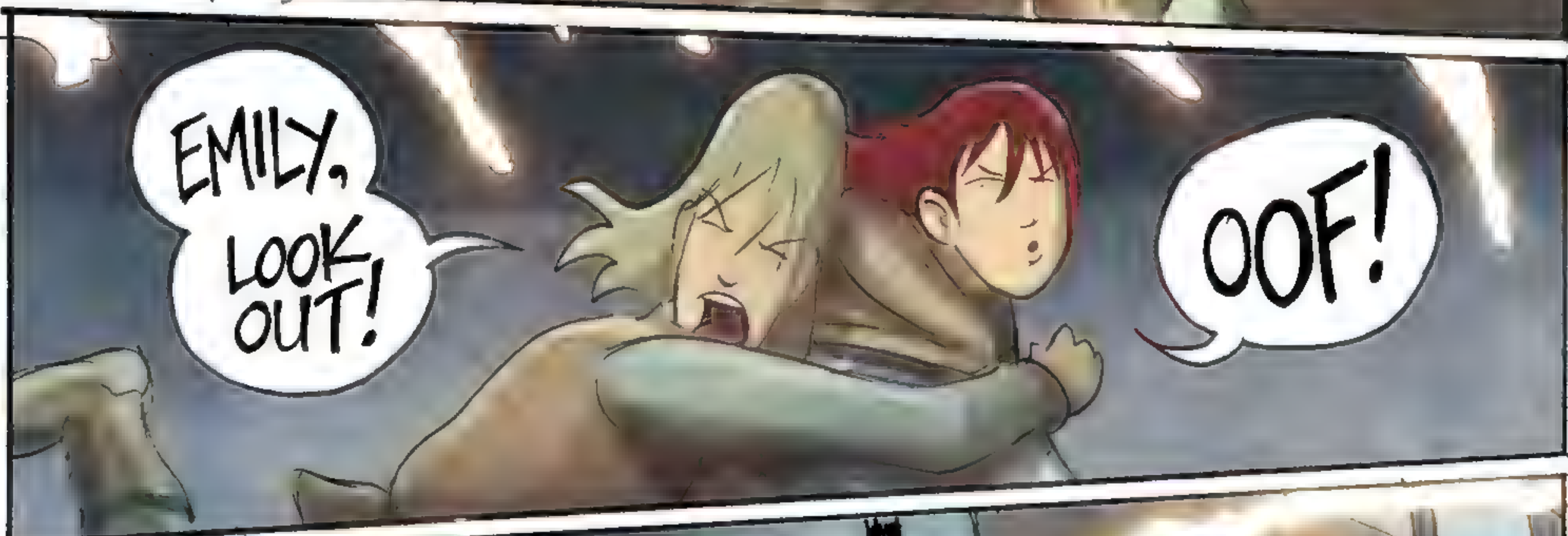


EVERYBODY
GET ABOARD
QUICKLY!





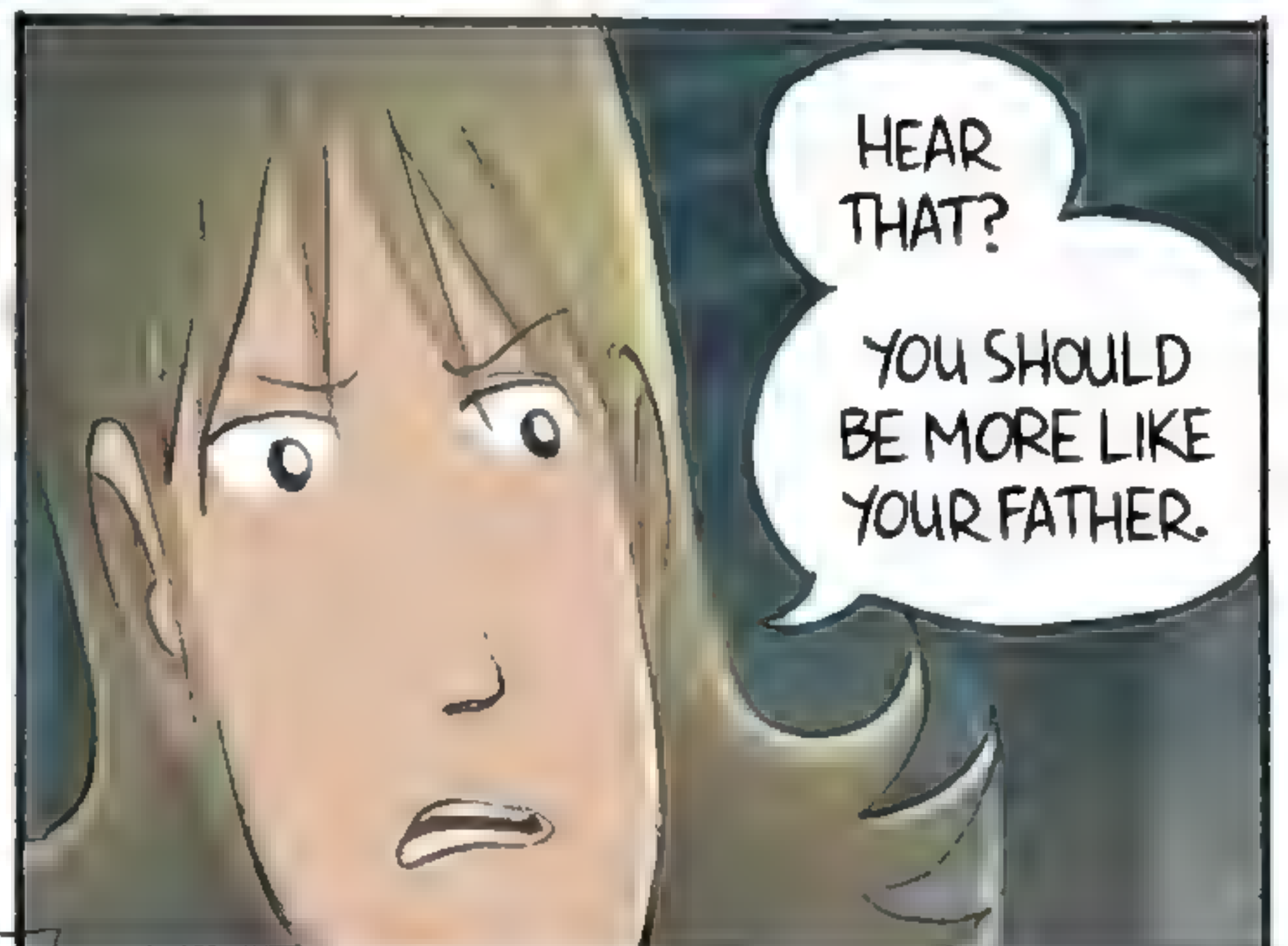
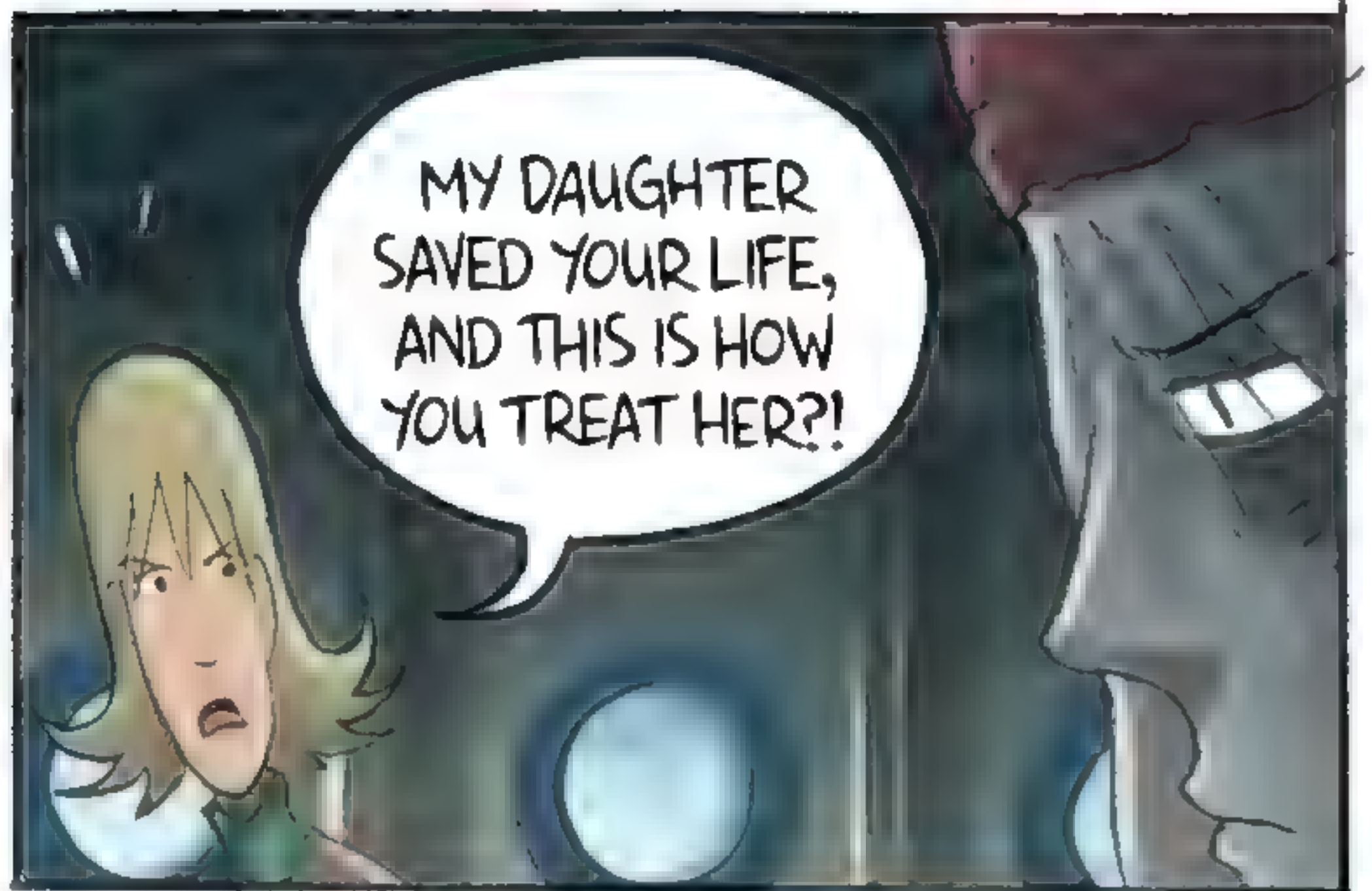


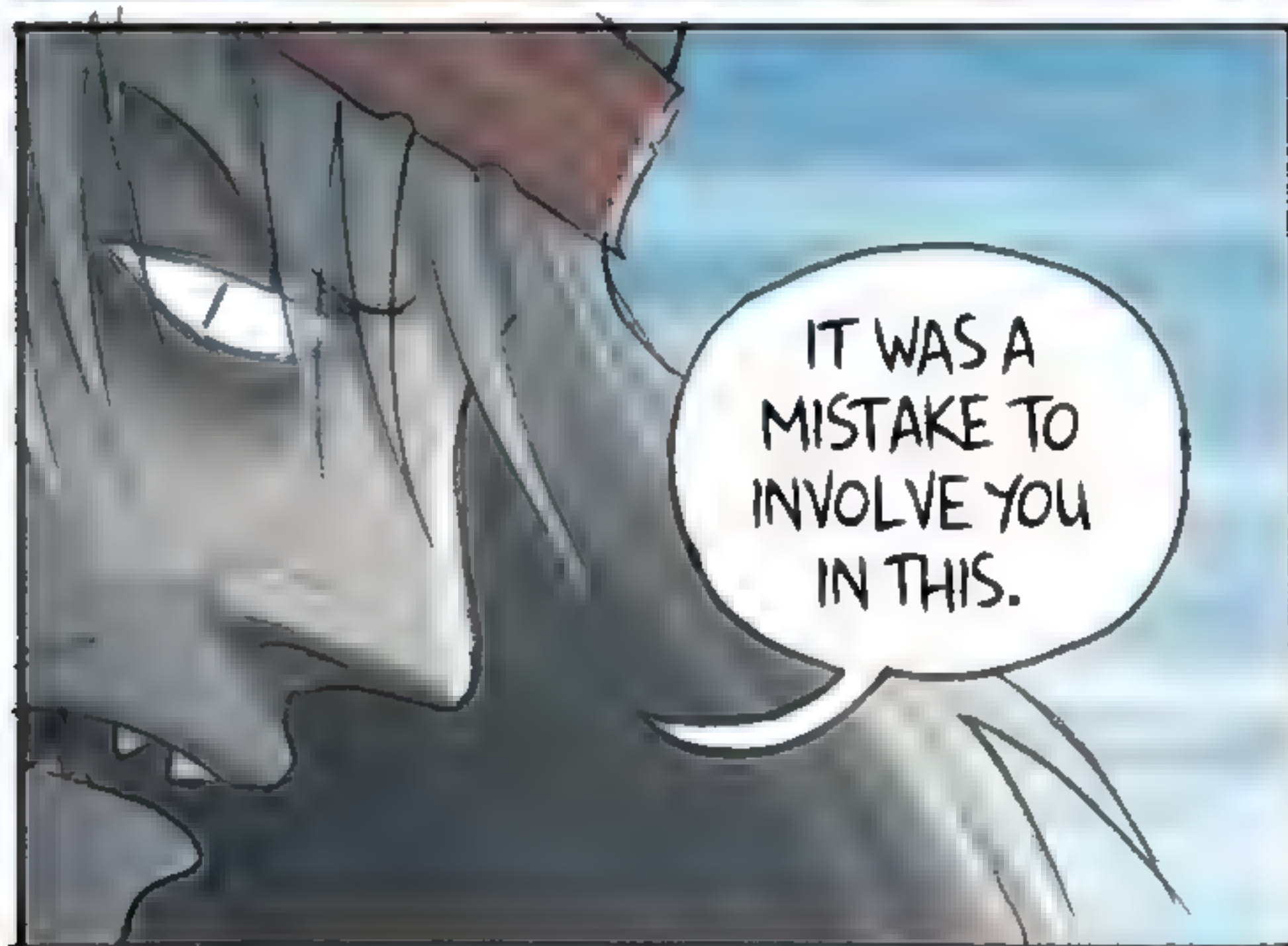
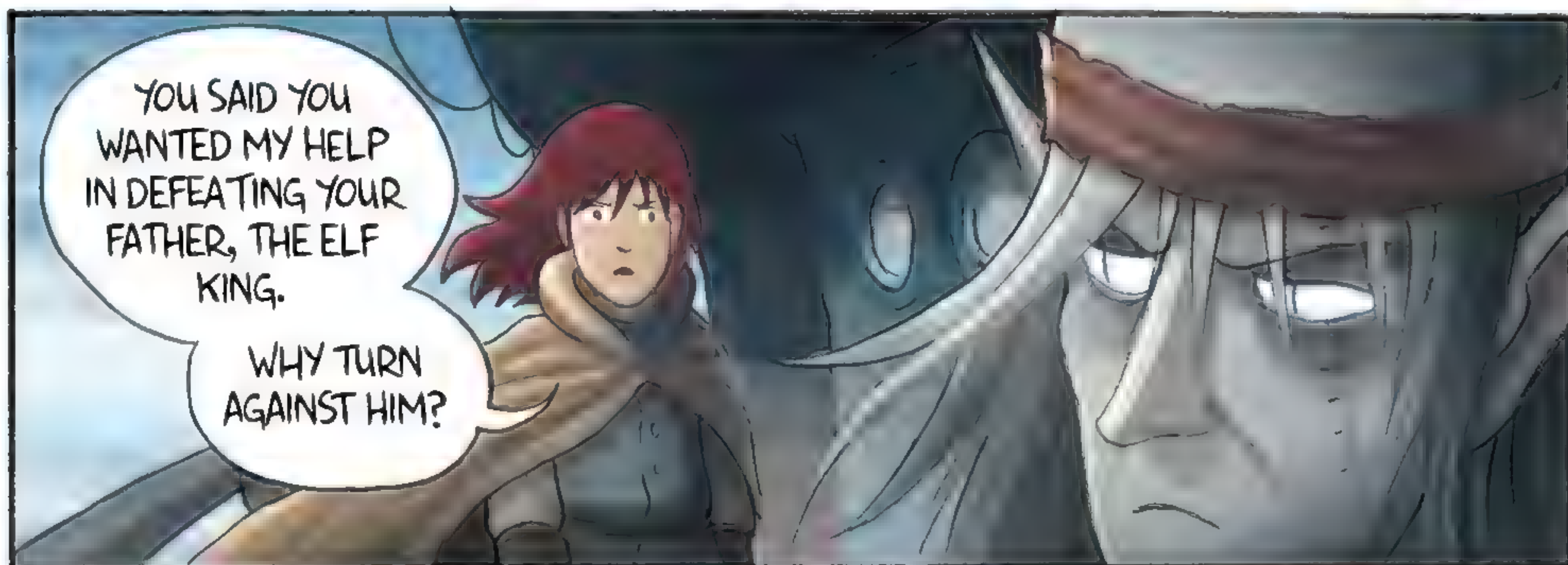
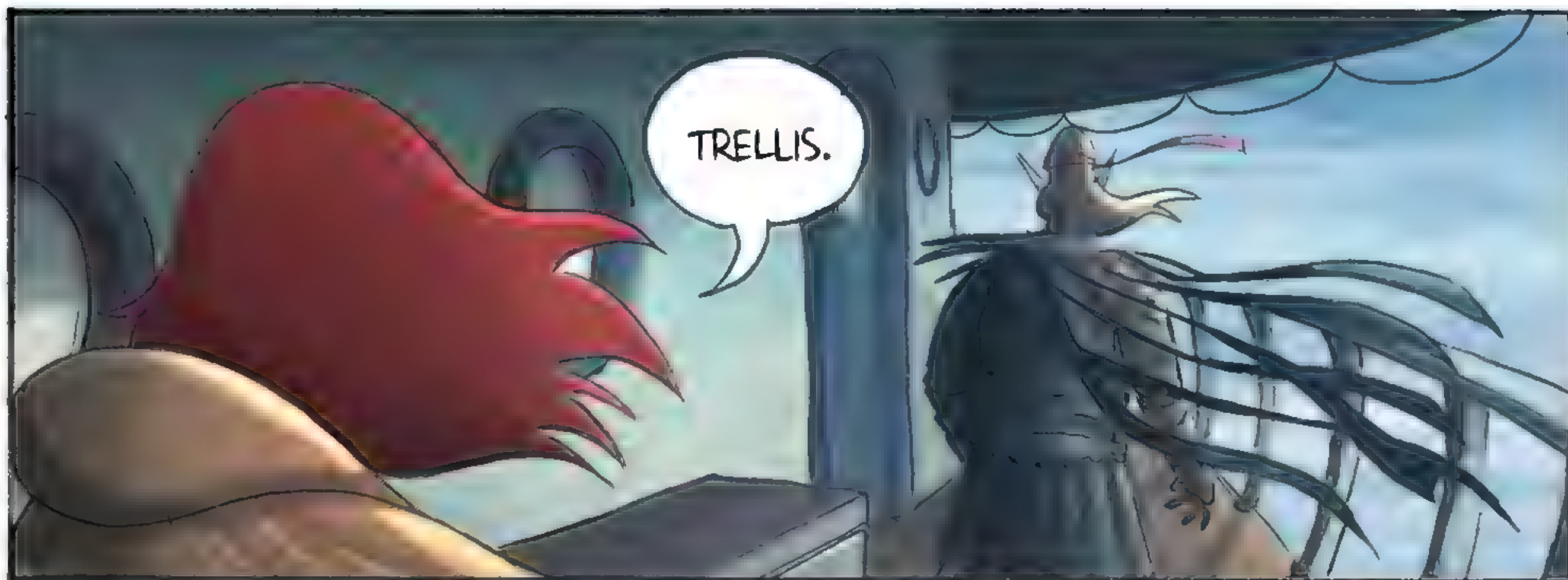








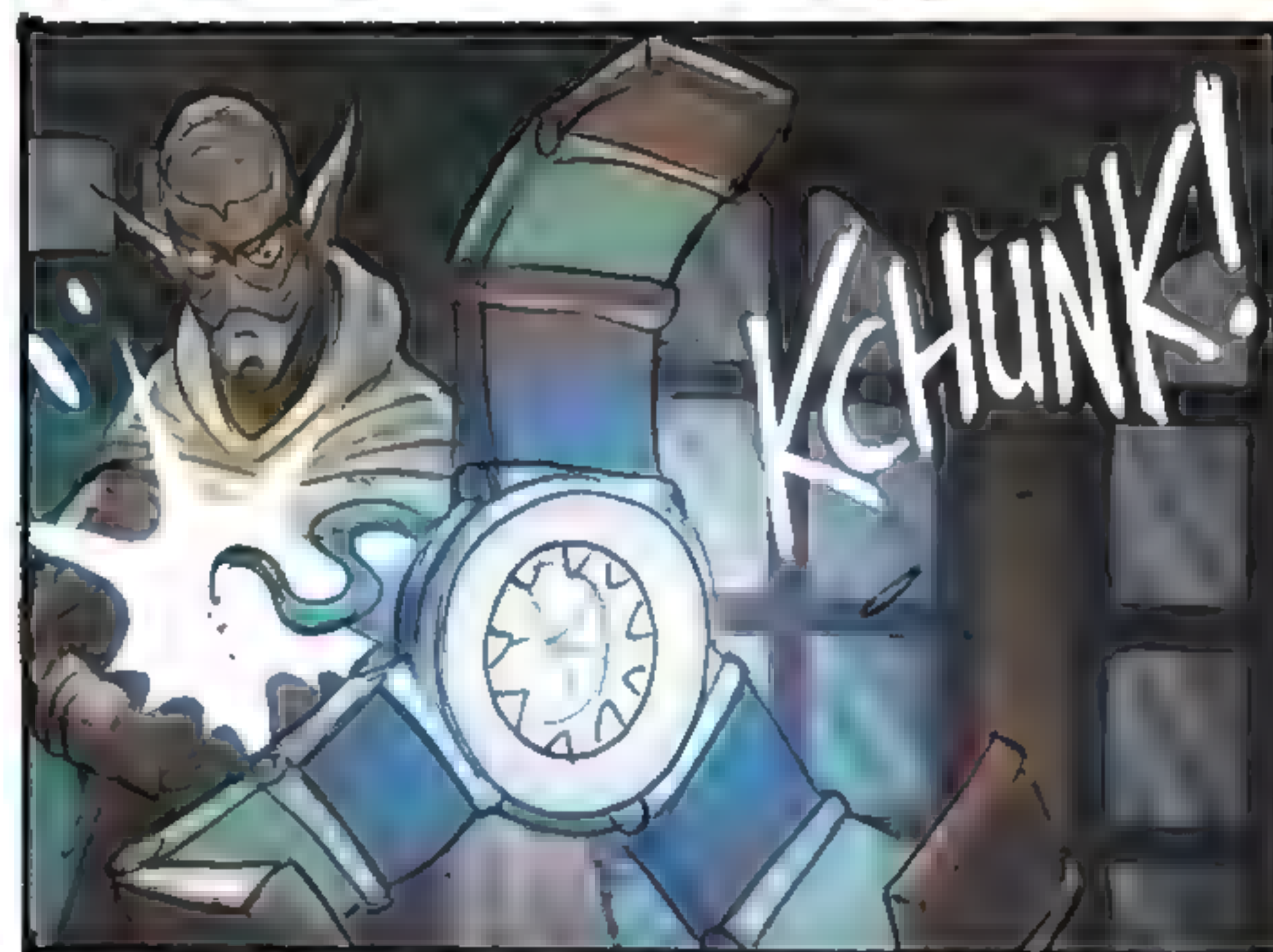


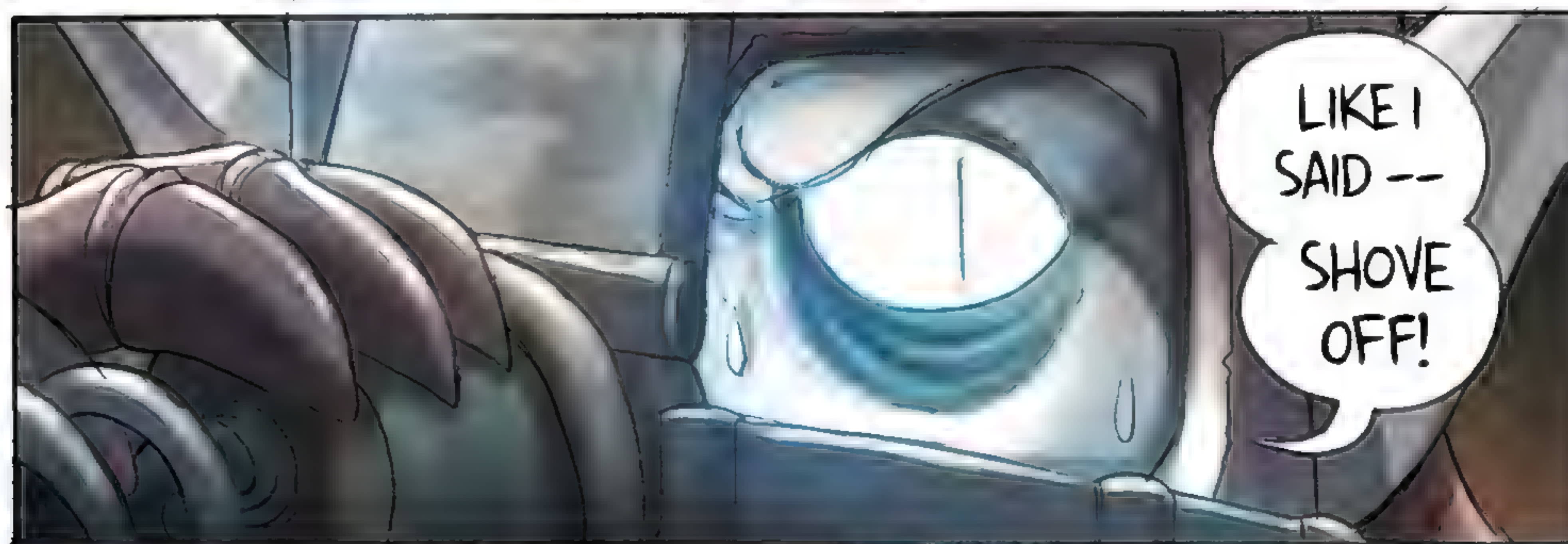


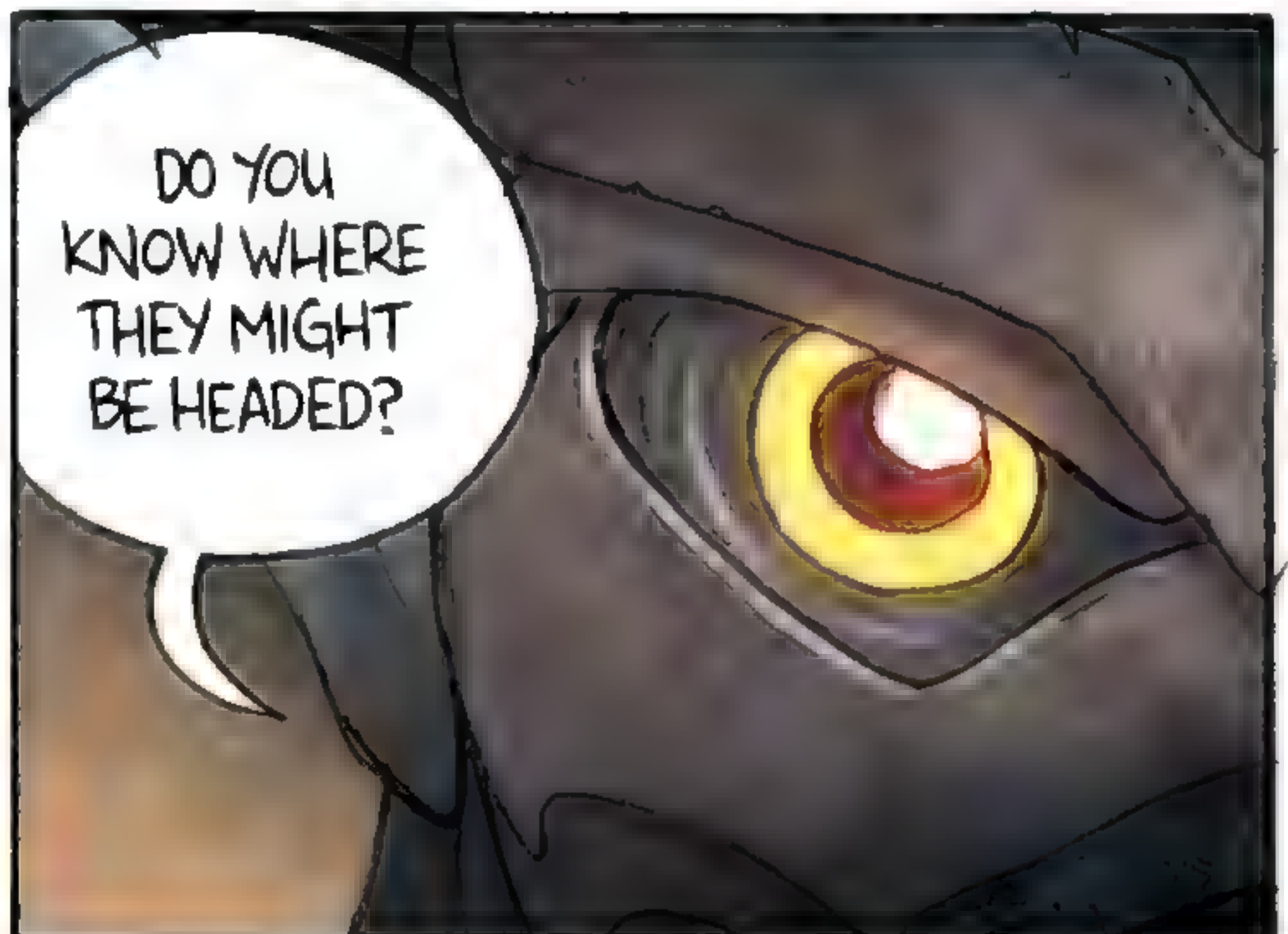


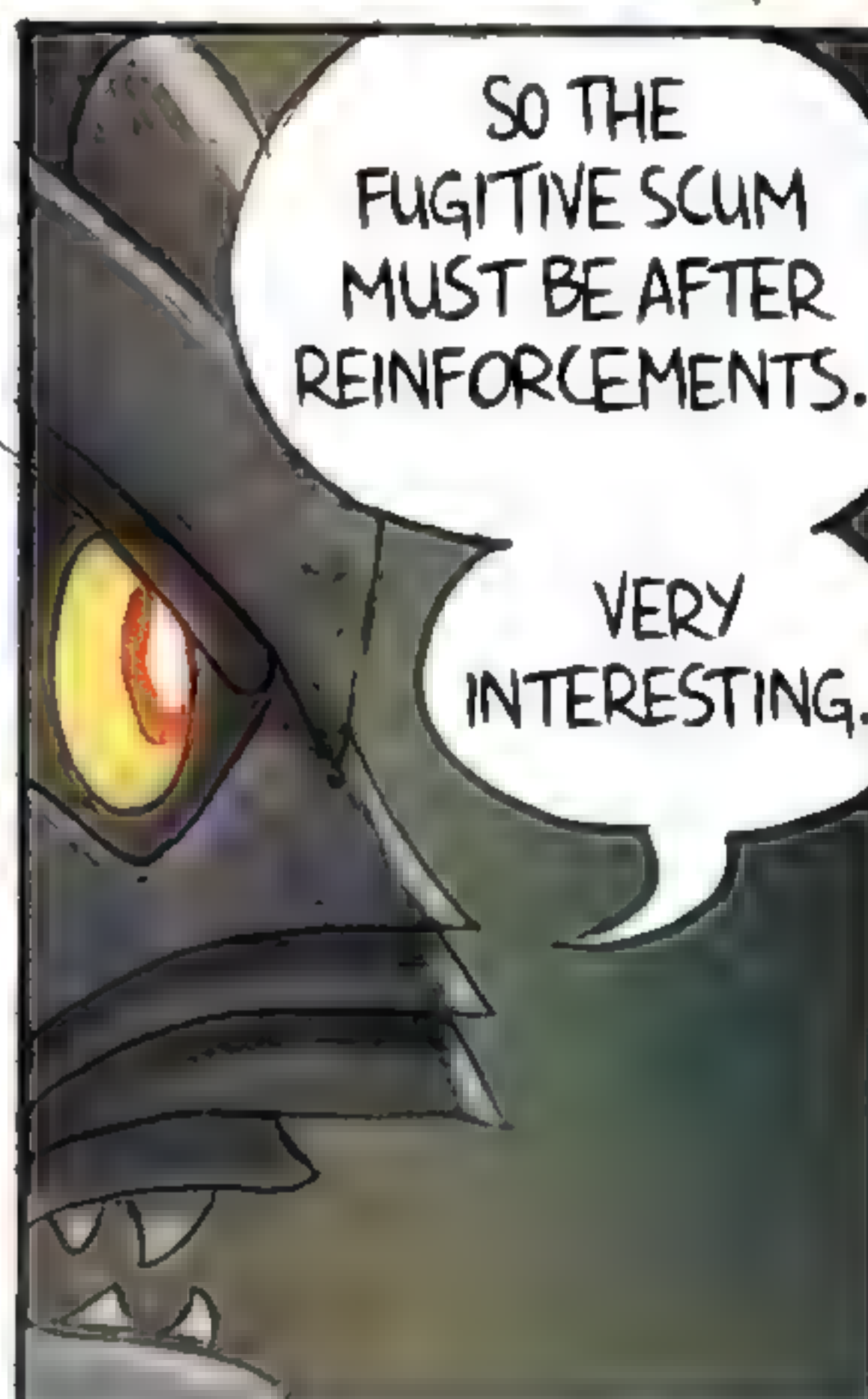
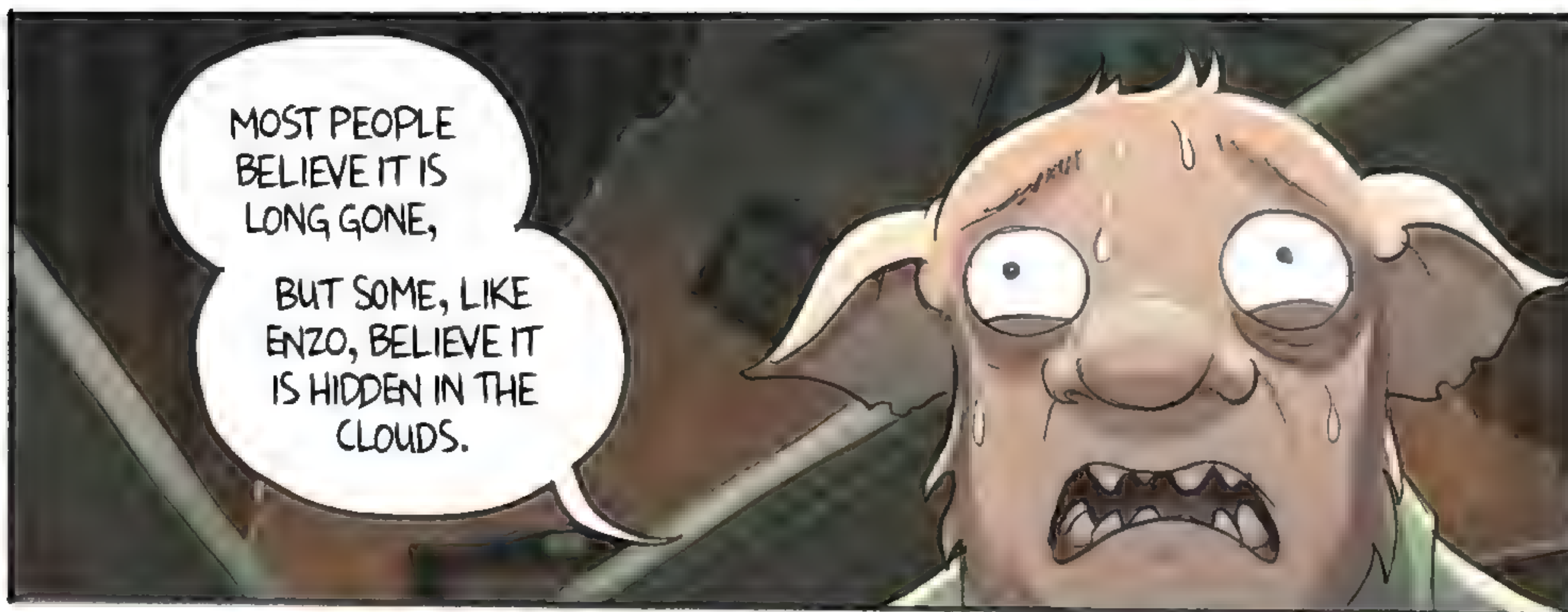




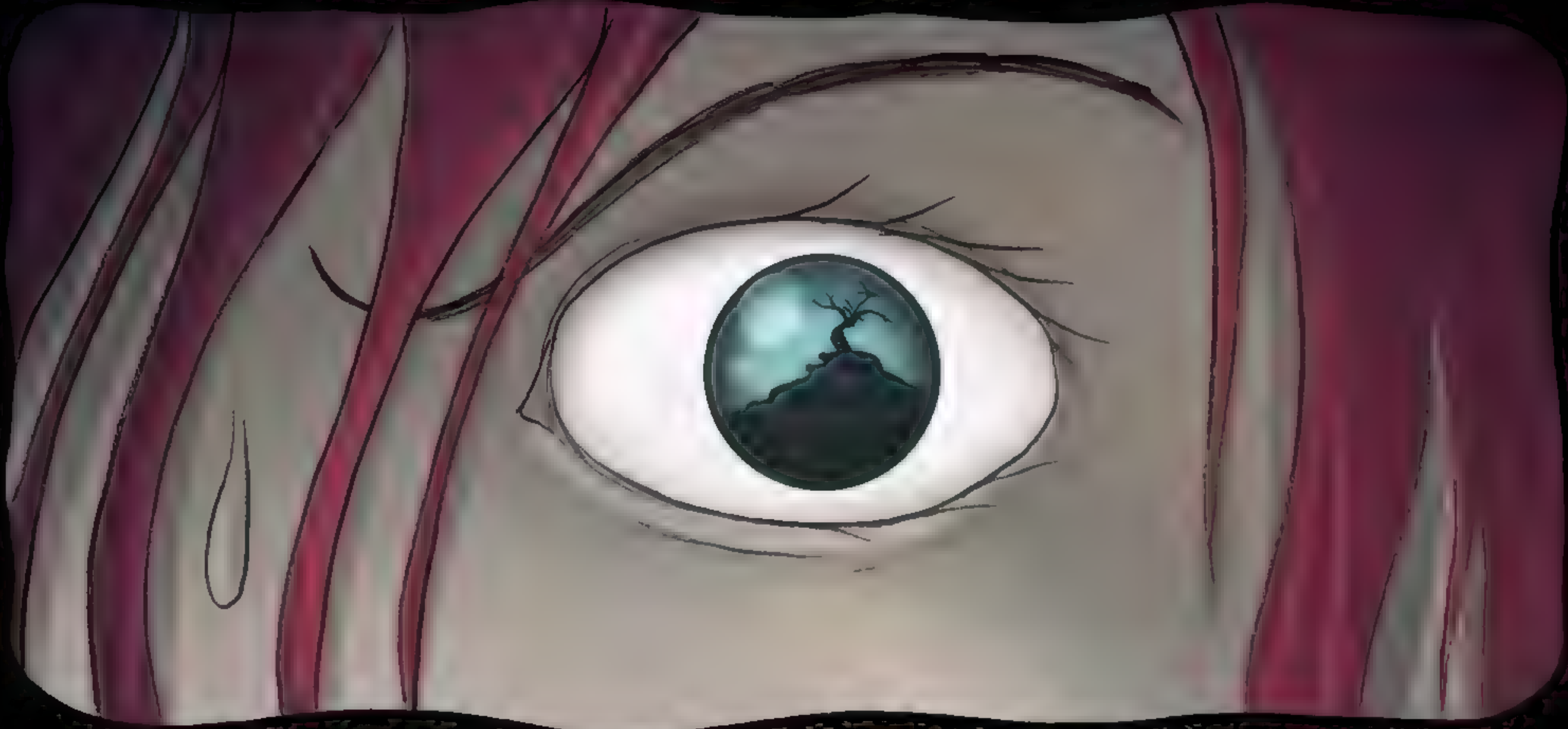
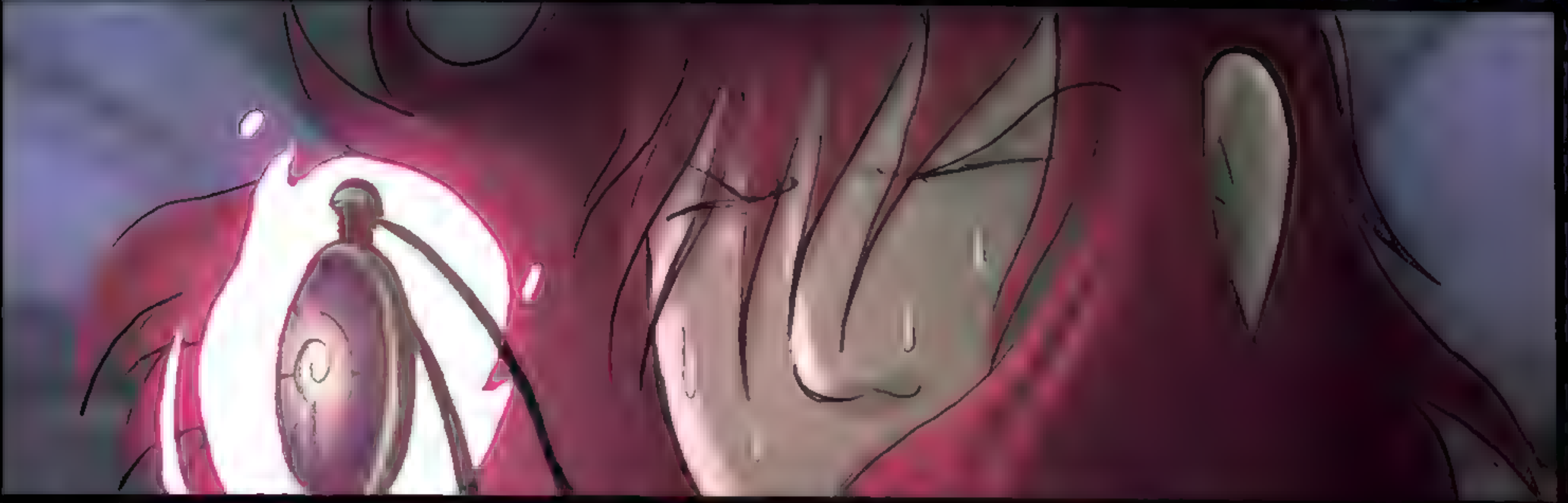
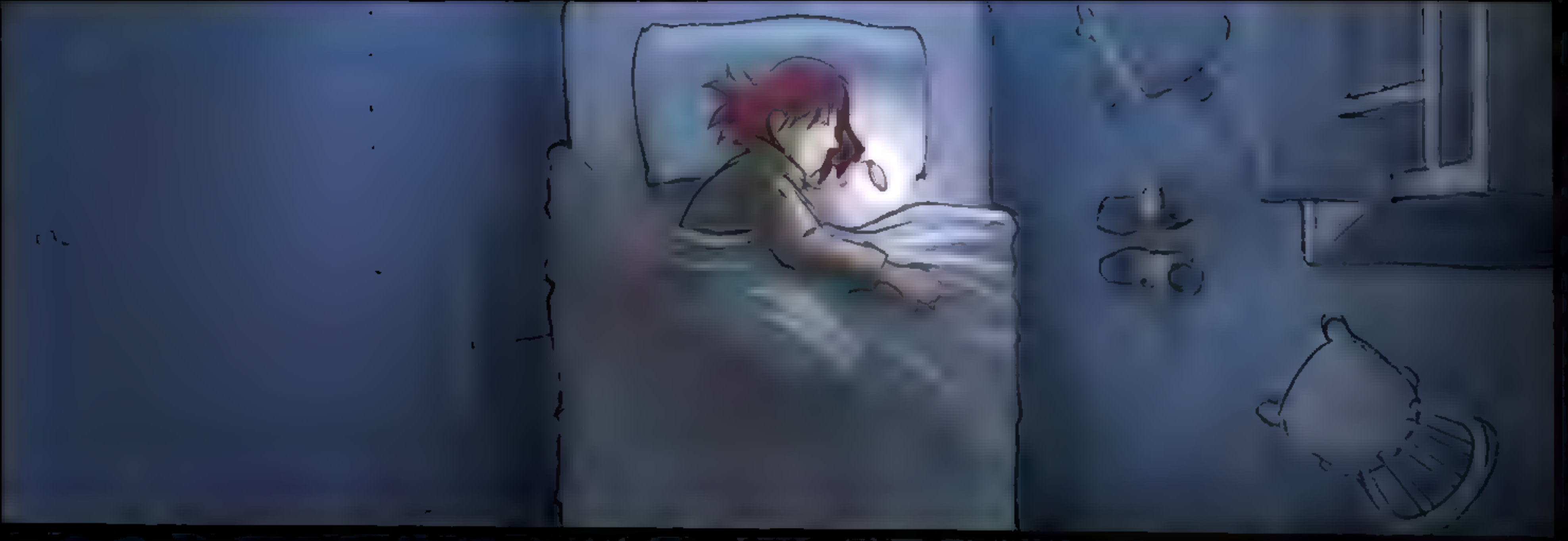














THIS WAY,
EMILY.



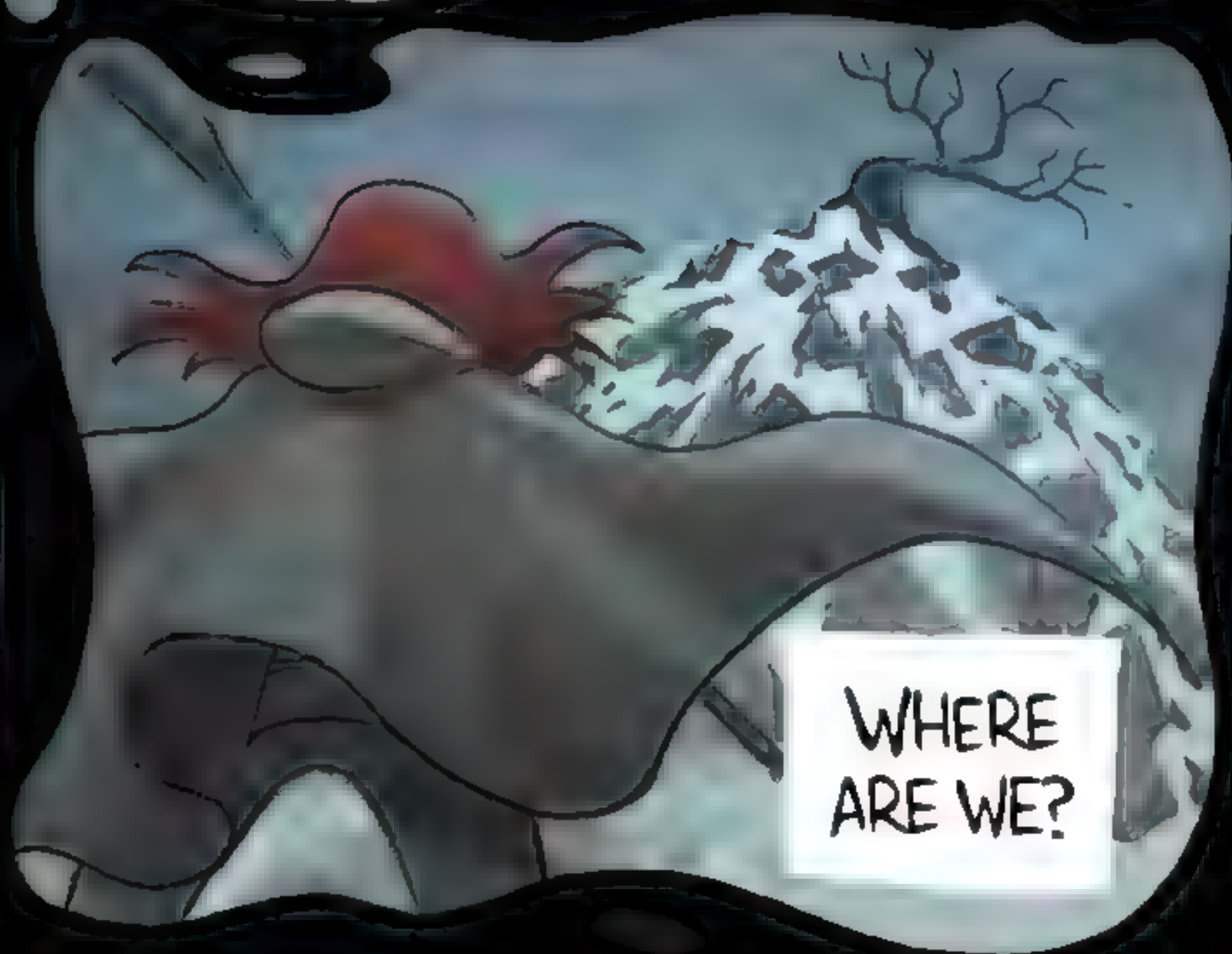
WHO ARE
YOU?



YOU KNOW
WHO I AM.



WHERE
ARE WE?



THIS IS OUR
MEETING
PLACE.



NOT HERE.
I DON'T WANT
TO MEET HERE.

WHY
NOT?

THAT
TREE.
IT BRINGS
PAINFUL
MEMORIES.

OF
COURSE.





YOU CAN
MAKE IT
GO AWAY.



YOU HAVE
AS MUCH
CONTROL
AS I DO.

AHH,
HOW
PLEASANT.



WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM ME?





LET ME
SHOW YOU.




THIS
WAY.

WHERE ARE
WE GOING?



TO SEE
THE FUTURE
IN THE EYES OF
THE ELF KING.


TO SEE
WHAT MAY
BECOME.



THIS ISN'T
ALLEDIA.

NO. IT IS YOUR
HOME WORLD,
EARTH.

YOU MUST KNOW
BY NOW THAT ALLEDIA
ISN'T THE ONLY WORLD
IN DANGER.



HE WANTS
YOU TO GO
HOME, EMILY.

PERHAPS
MORE THAN
YOU DO.

WHY?

BECAUSE
YOU CAN
HELP ME
STOP HIM.

THEN MAYBE
I SHOULD JUST GO.

THAT'S WHAT I
WANT, AS WELL.

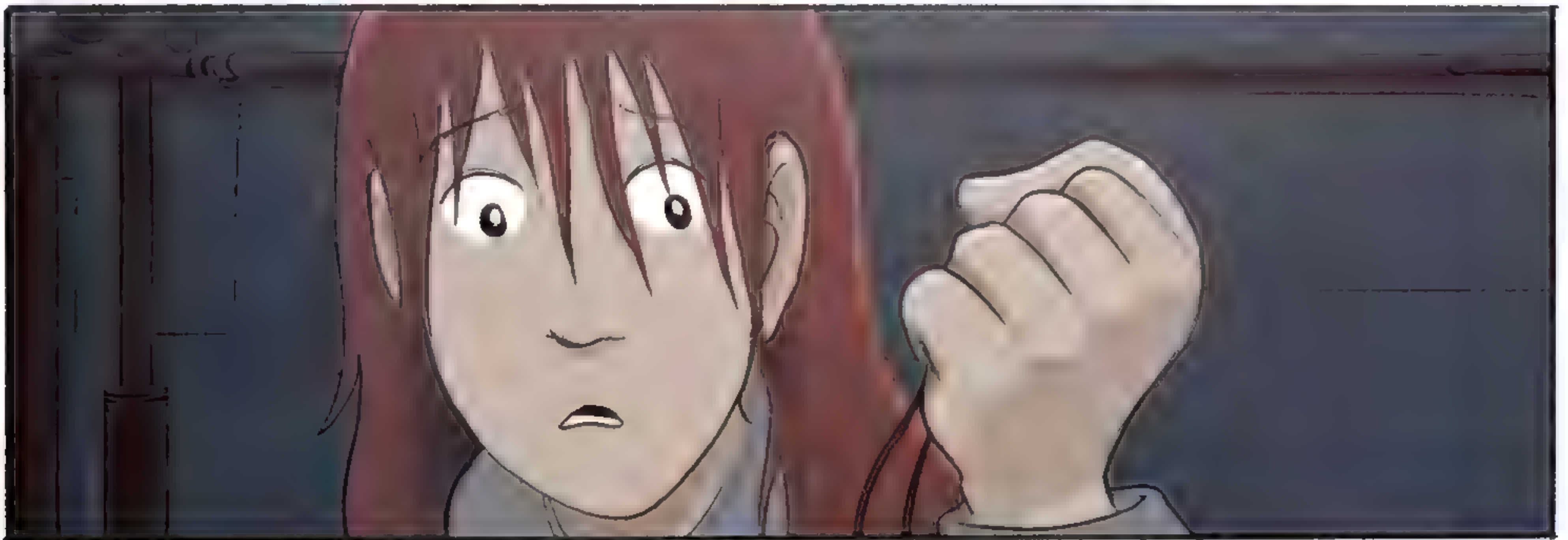
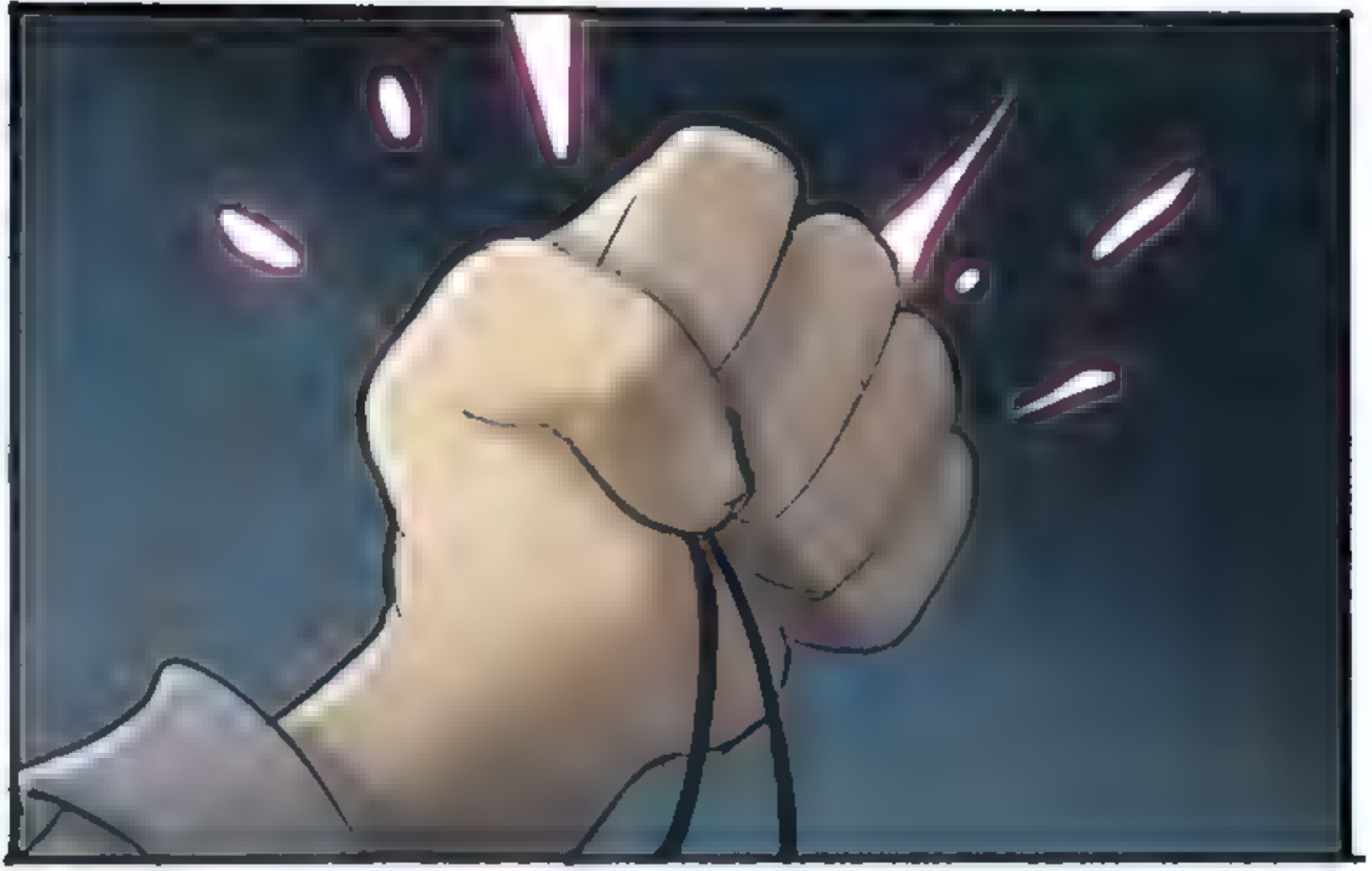
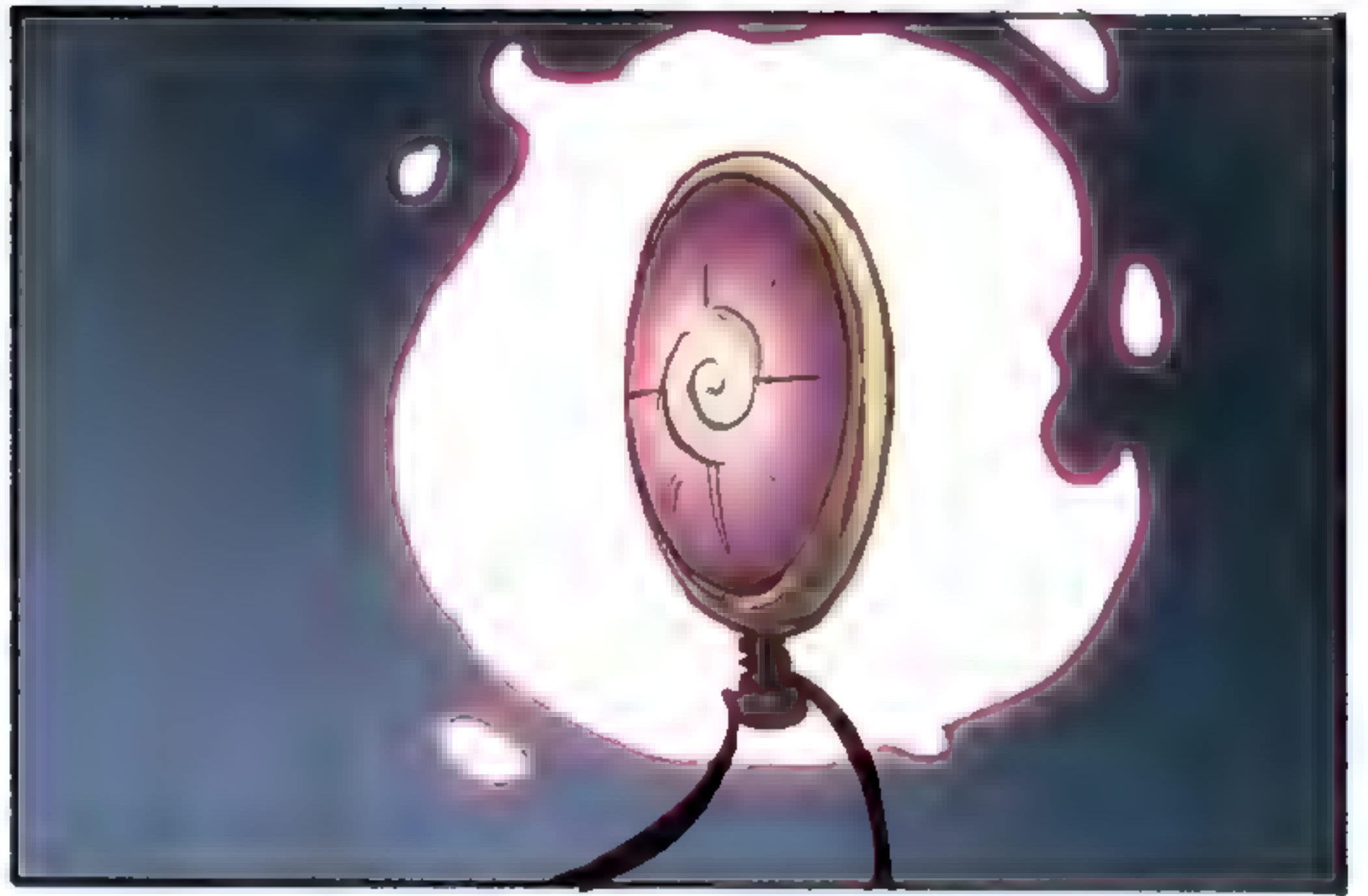
IF THAT WERE
TRUE, THEN WHY
DID YOU LIE TO
THEM, EMILY?

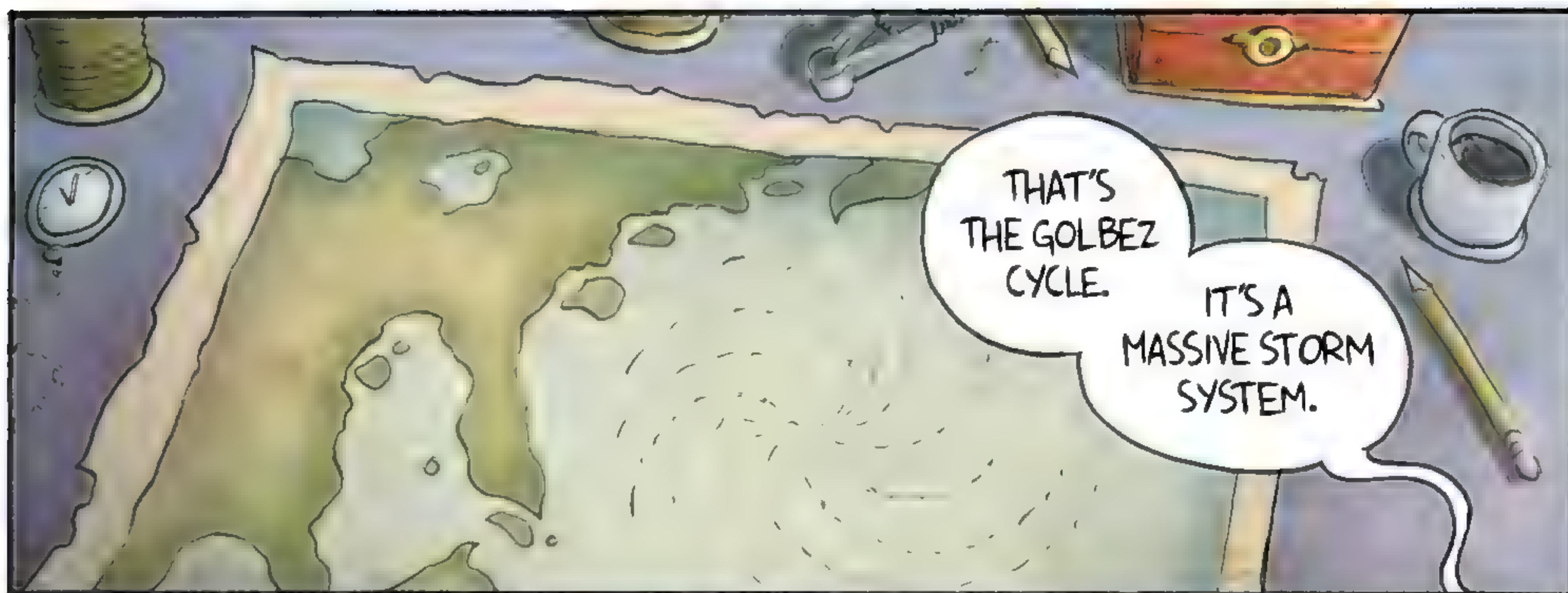
YOU KNOW
THAT YOU CAN
COME AND GO
AS YOU PLEASE.

YOU TOLD
THEM I WAS
FORCING YOU
TO STAY.

BUT IT
WAS YOUR
CHOICE.

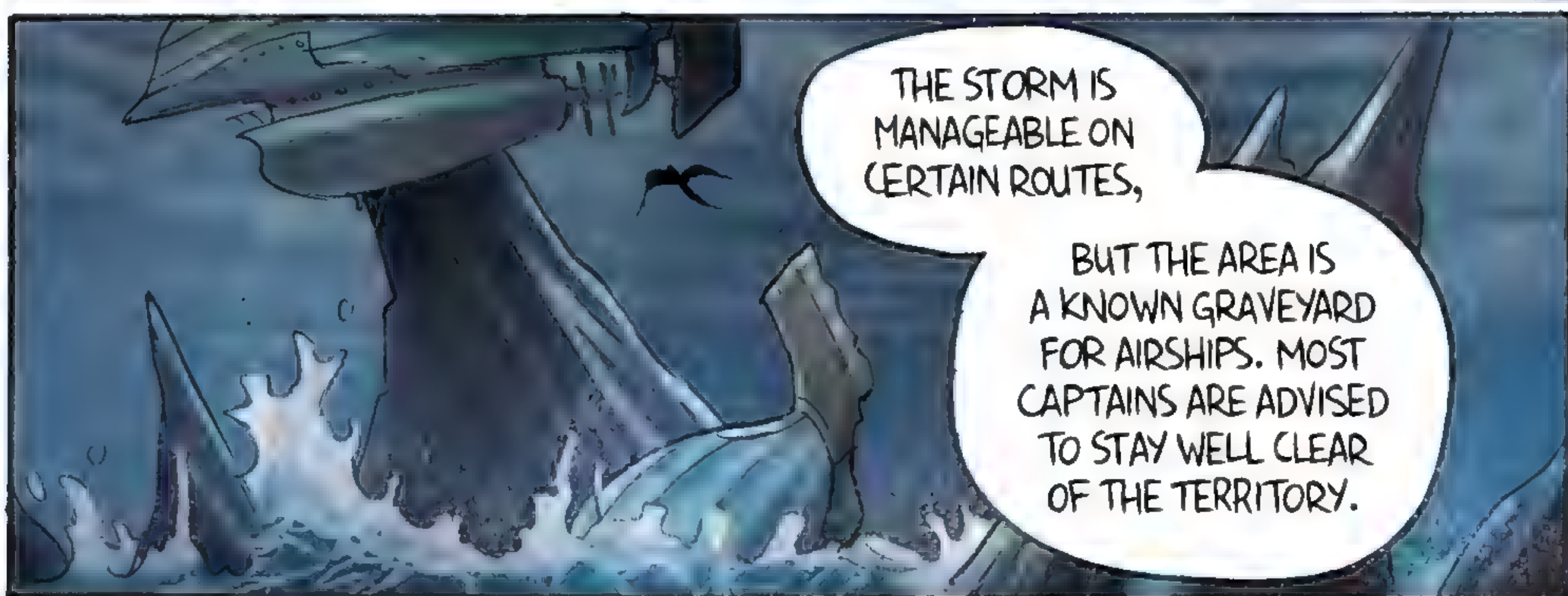








THE GOLBEZ CYCLE
HAS BEEN RAGING ON
FOR CENTURIES WITH
NO INDICATION OF
SLOWING.



THE STORM IS
MANAGEABLE ON
CERTAIN ROUTES,

BUT THE AREA IS
A KNOWN GRAVEYARD
FOR AIRSHIPS. MOST
CAPTAINS ARE ADVISED
TO STAY WELL CLEAR
OF THE TERRITORY.



I CAN FLY
US INTO THE
STORM,

BUT I NEED TO
KNOW FOR CERTAIN
THAT CIELIS WILL BE
THERE WAITING FOR
US. THE RISKS ARE
TOO HUGE.



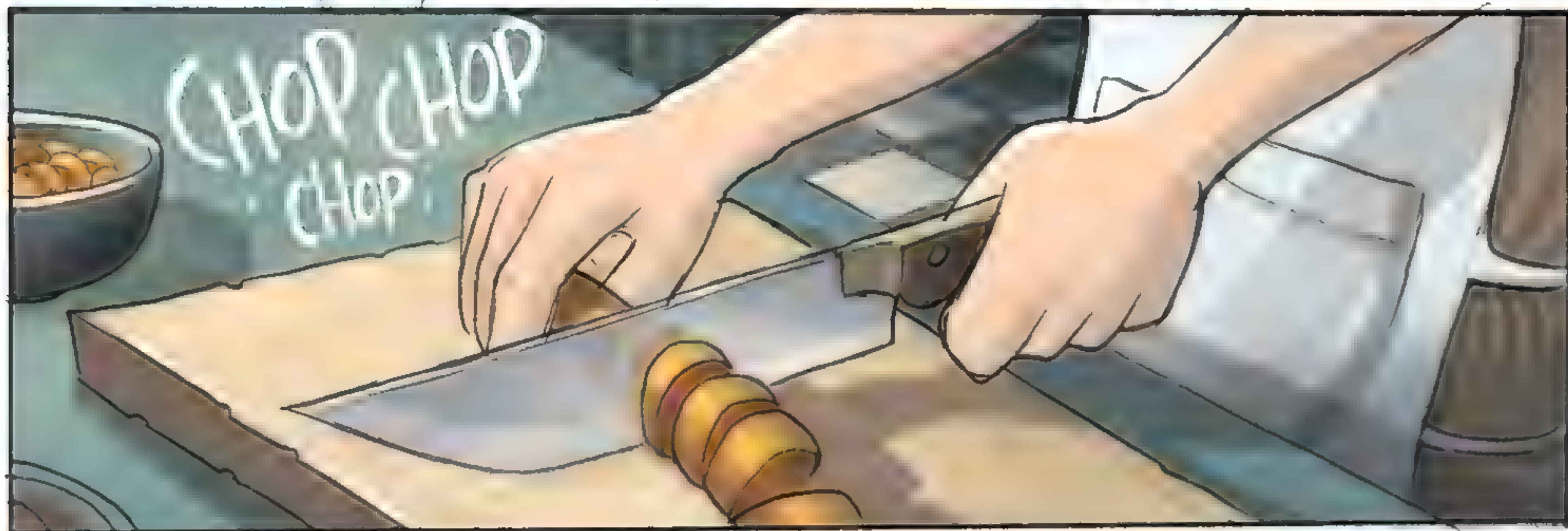
I CAN'T
GUARANTEE THAT
CIELIS IS THERE,
BUT THIS GUIDE IS
THE BEST LEAD WE
HAVE.



ANOTHER
LEAP OF FAITH?
YOU KNOW
I'M STILL WITH
YOU ON THIS,
CHIEF.



BUT I'M
STARTING TO
FEEL LIKE WE'RE
DRIFTING UP A
CREEK WITHOUT
A PADDLE.



CHOP CHOP
CHOP



HOW ARE
THOSE
CARROTS?

CHOP
CHOP

ALMOST
DONE.



JUST KEEP
STIRRING?

YES.
YES.

DON'T LET
IT BURN.

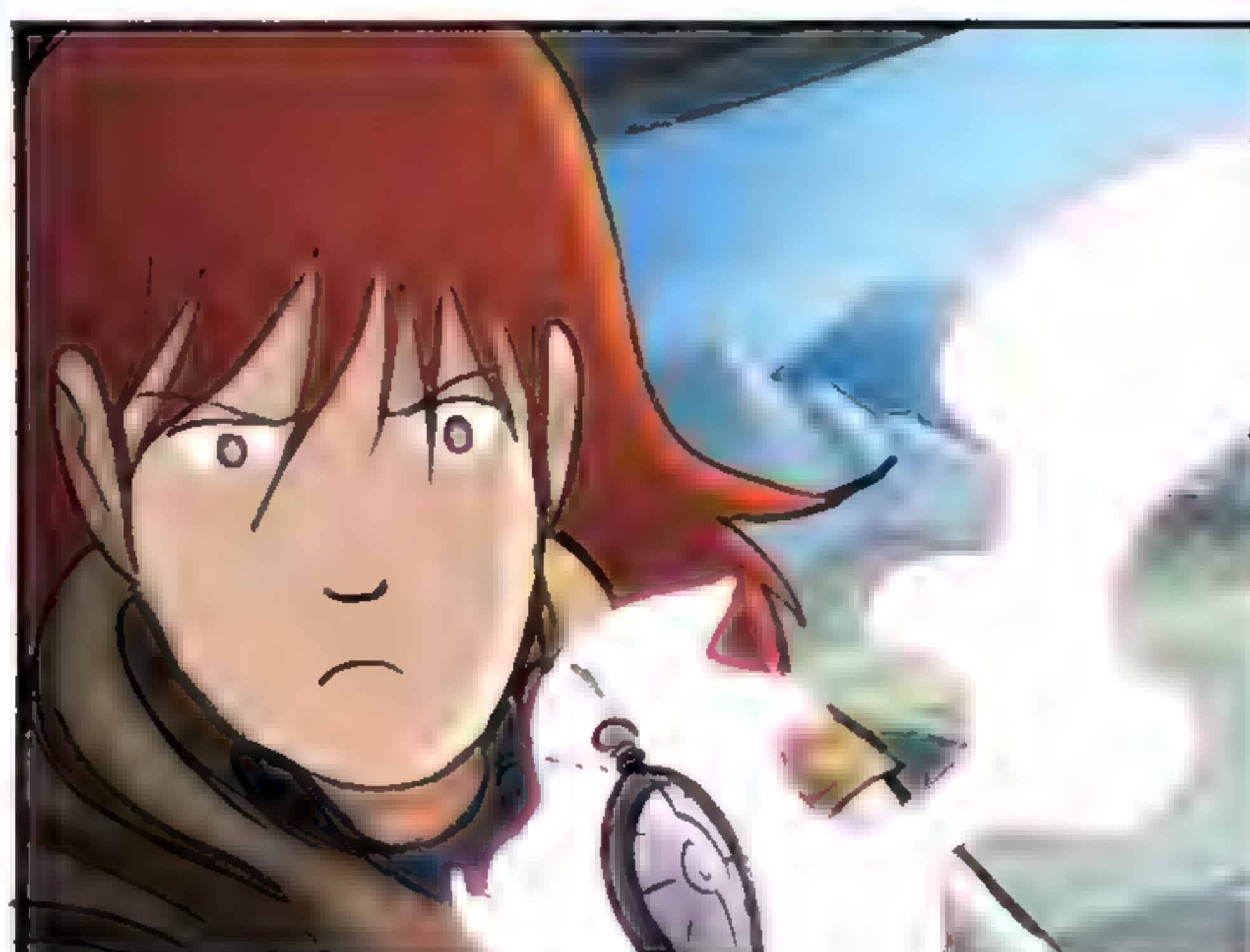
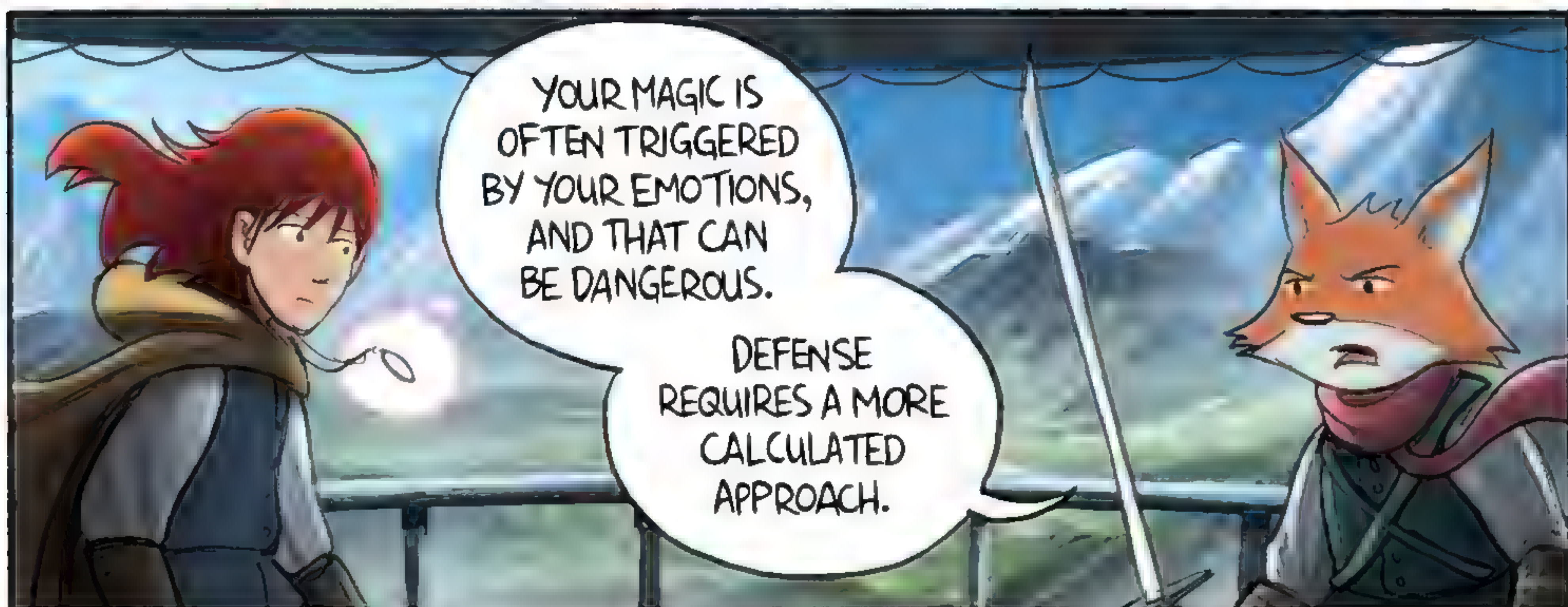






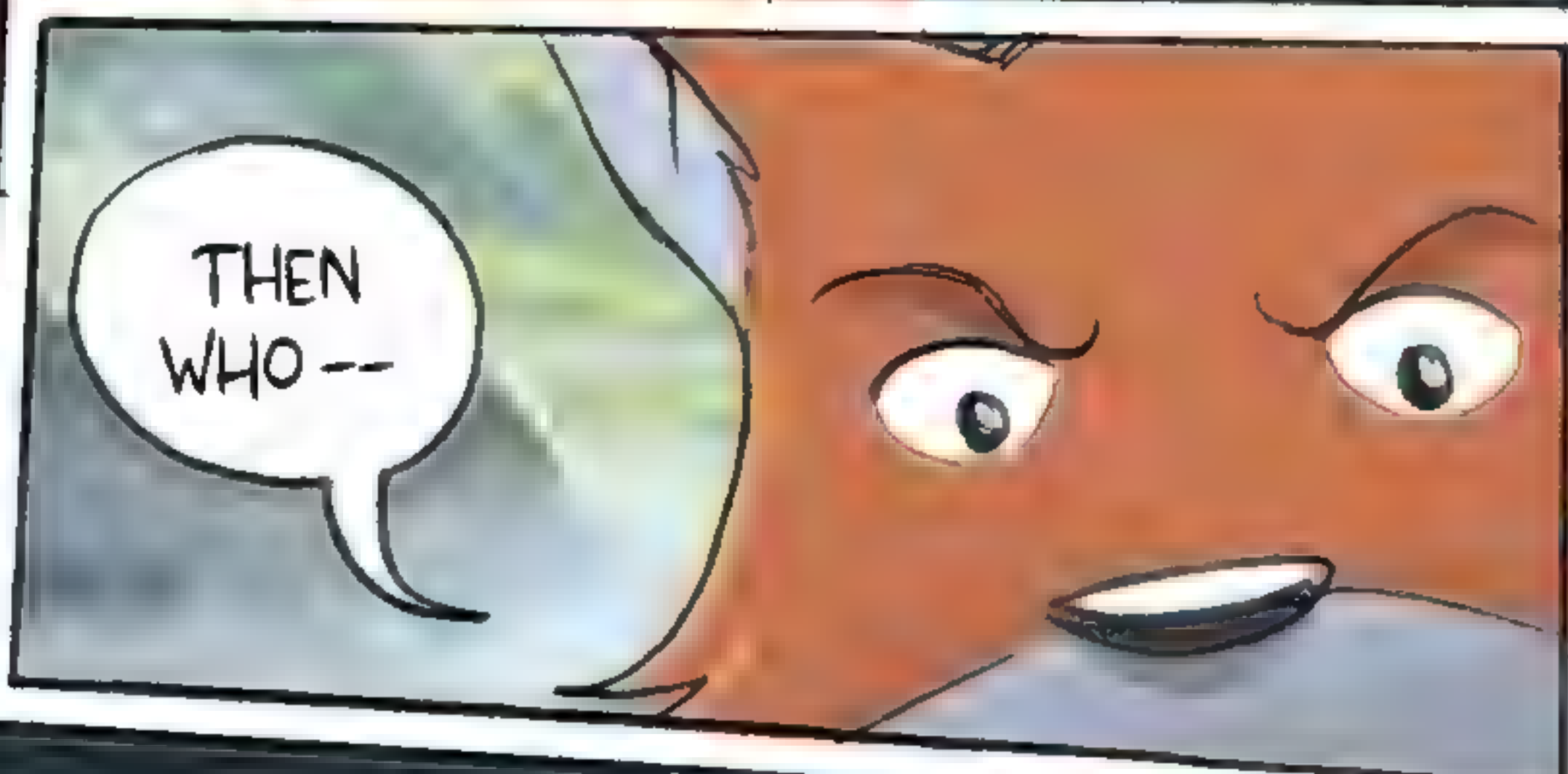
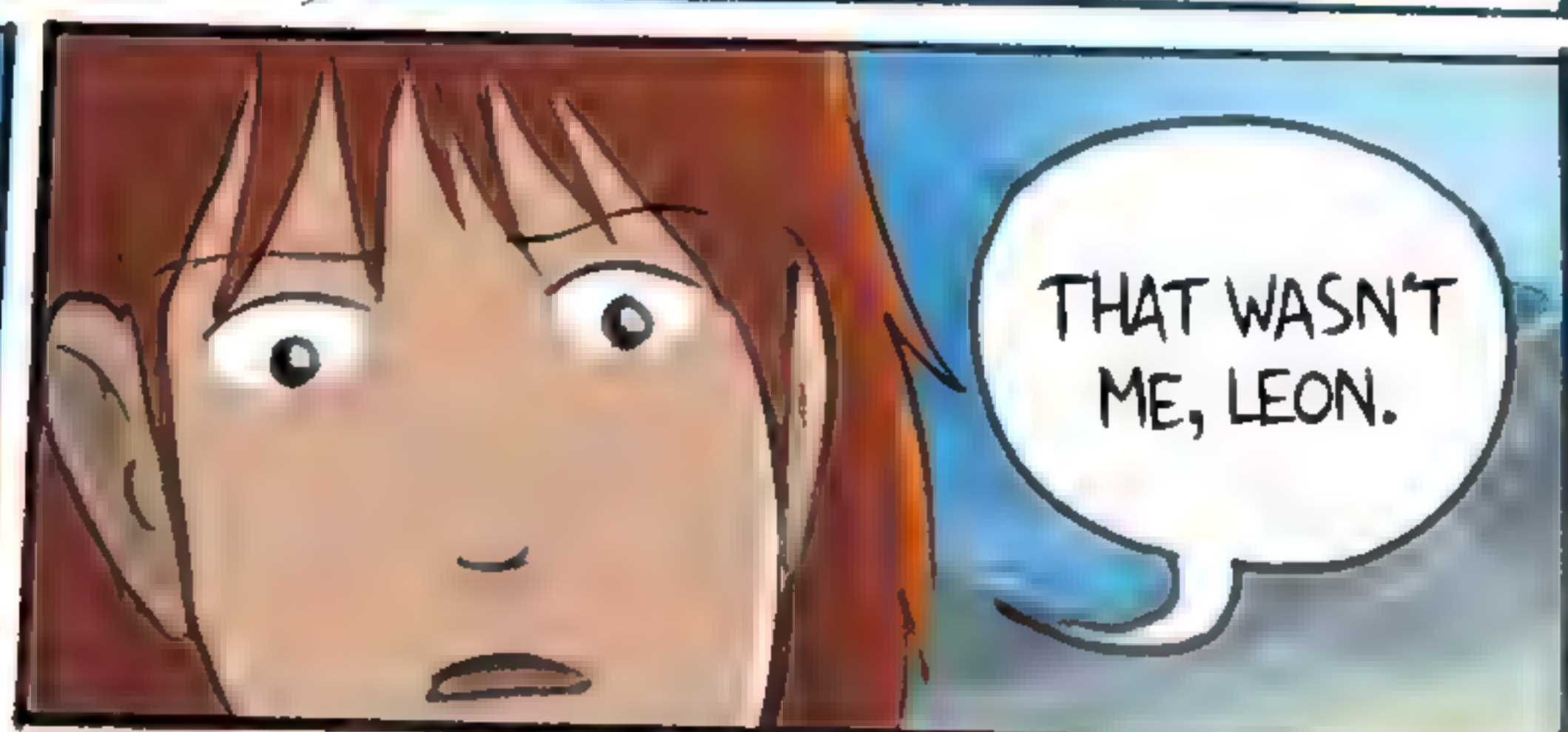
















WHAT I WANT
TO KNOW IS WHY
YOU TWO WERE
CONSIDERED
FUGITIVES.

YOU BOYS DO
SOMETHING
WE SHOULD
BE WORRIED
ABOUT?



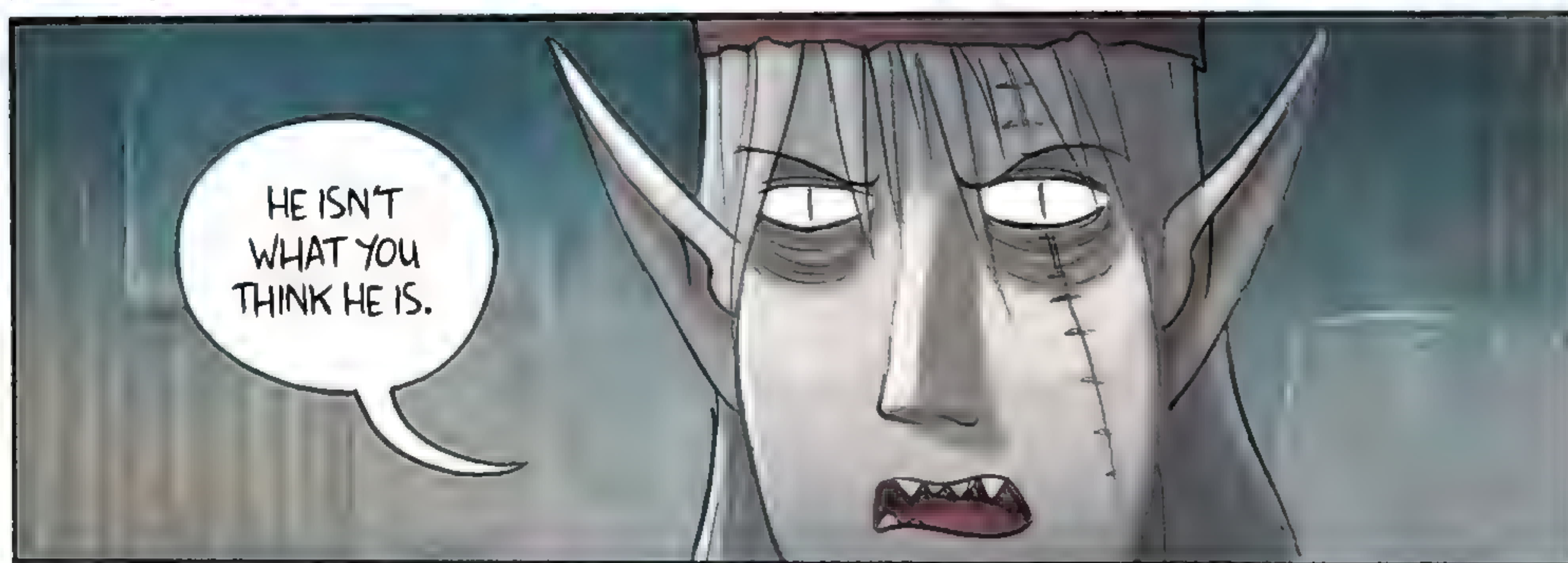
IT'S NOT
YOUR
BUSINESS.

EVERYTHING
ON THIS SHIP IS
MY BUSINESS,
SON.



NOW WHAT
DID YOU DO TO
GET ON YOUR
DADDY'S BAD
SIDE?

HE IS
NOT MY
FATHER,
CAPTAIN.



HE ISN'T
WHAT YOU
THINK HE IS.



TRELLIS,

YOU DIDN'T
FINISH YOUR
FOOD.

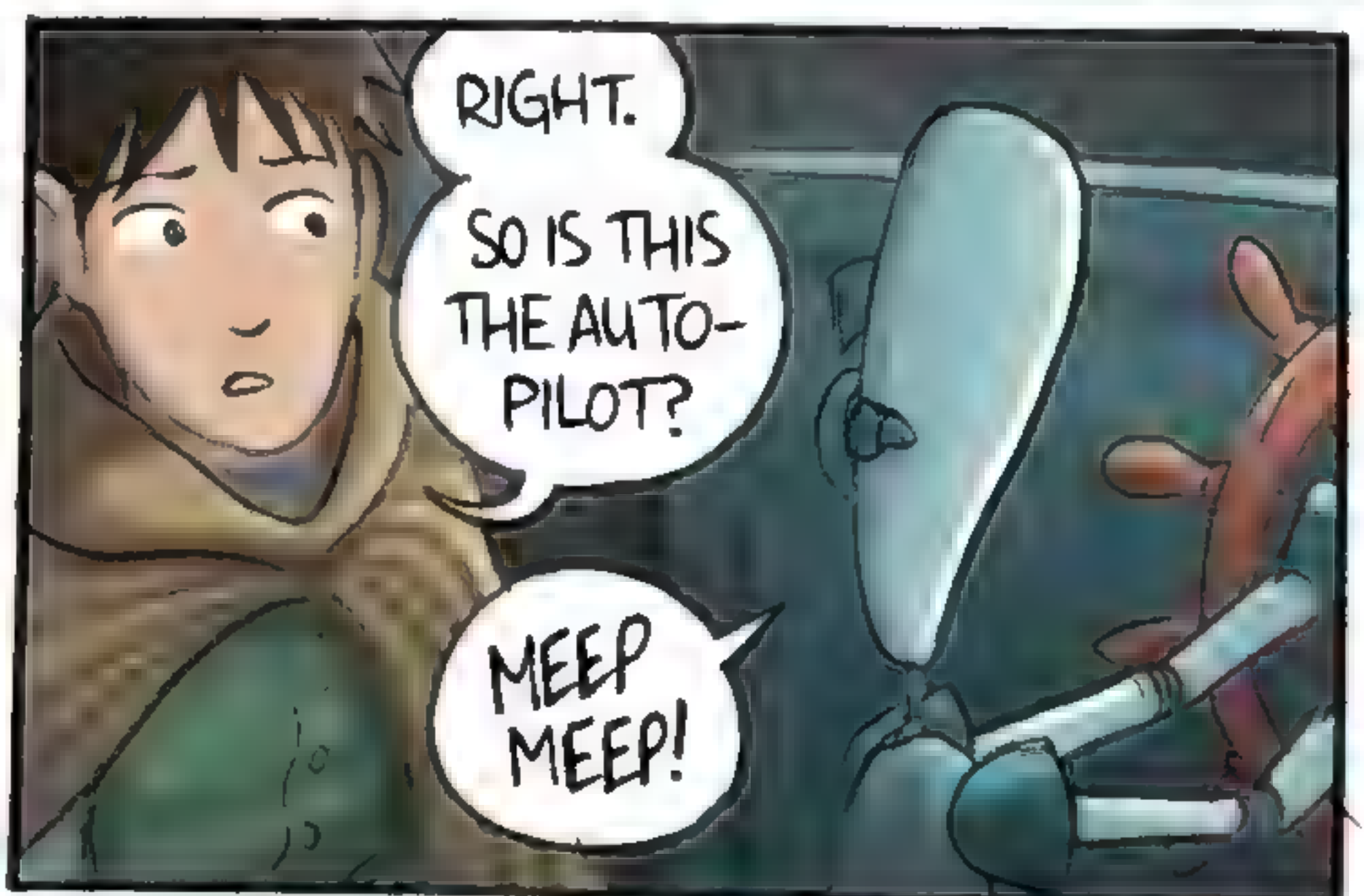


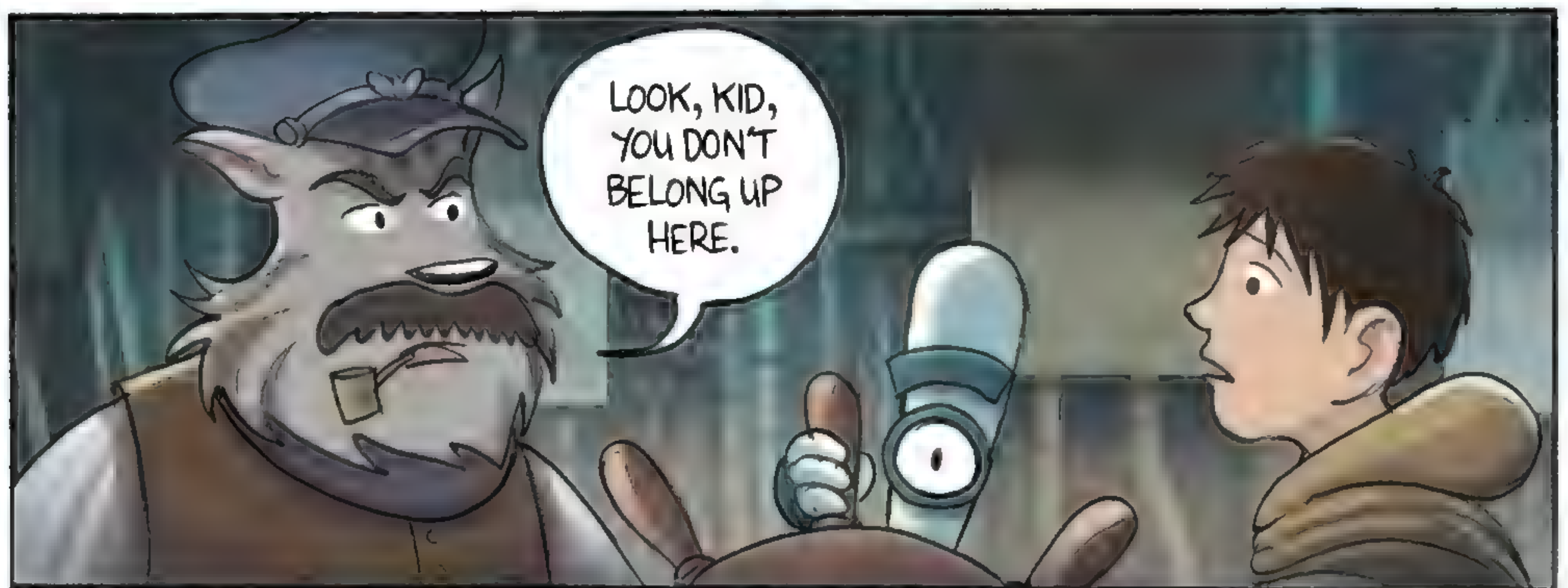
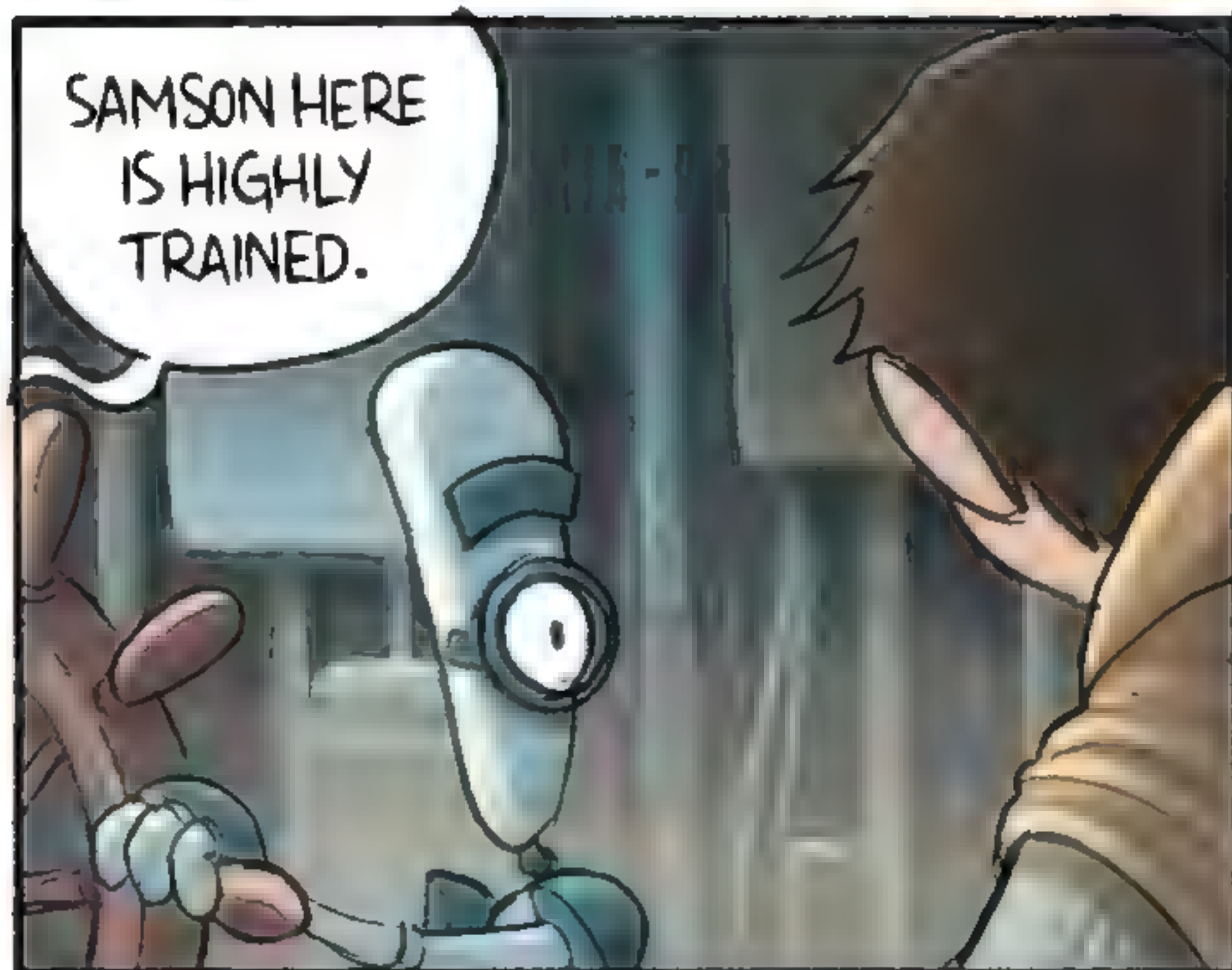
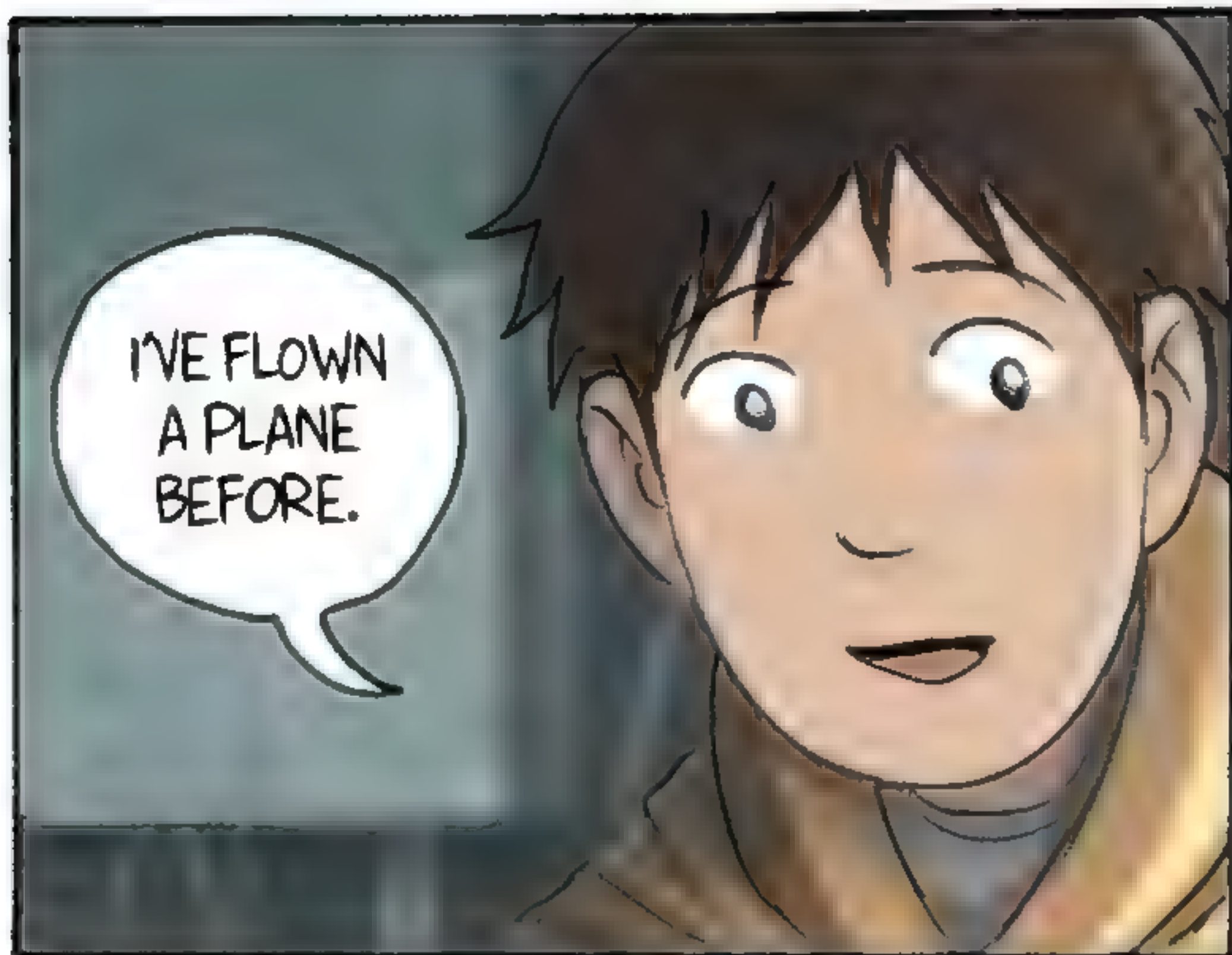
JUST LEAVE
HIM BE.

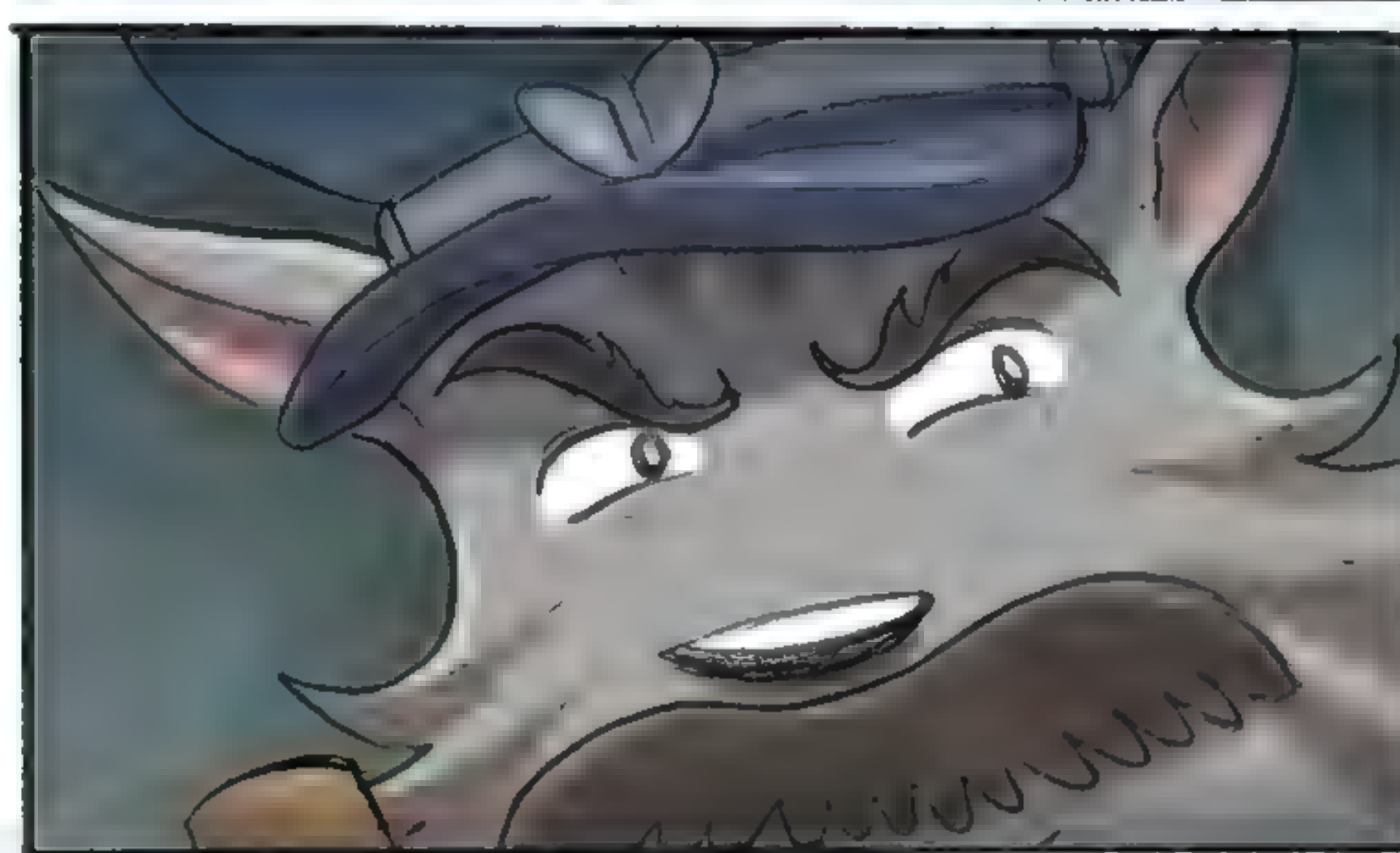
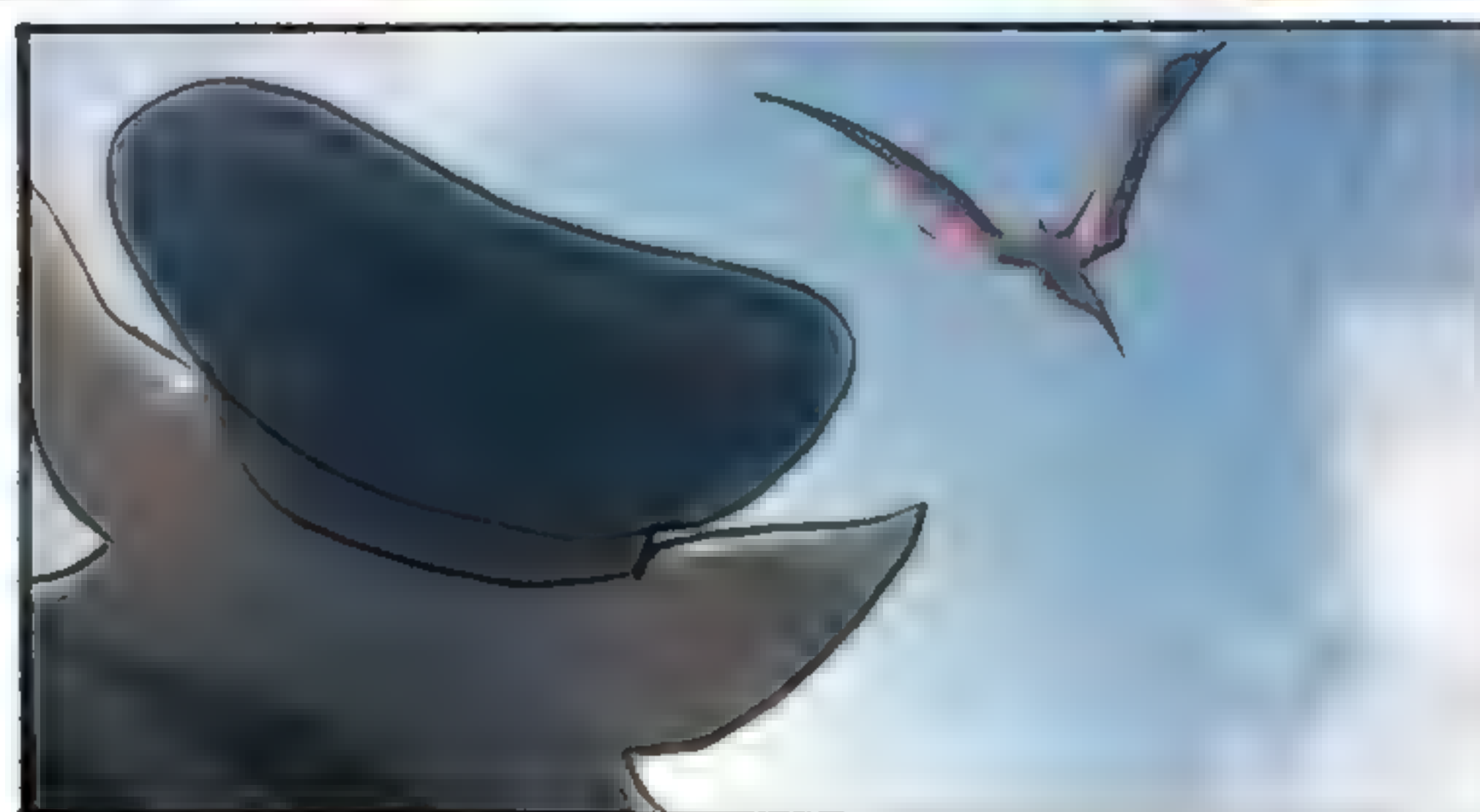
THEY GET
LIKE THAT
AT THIS
AGE.





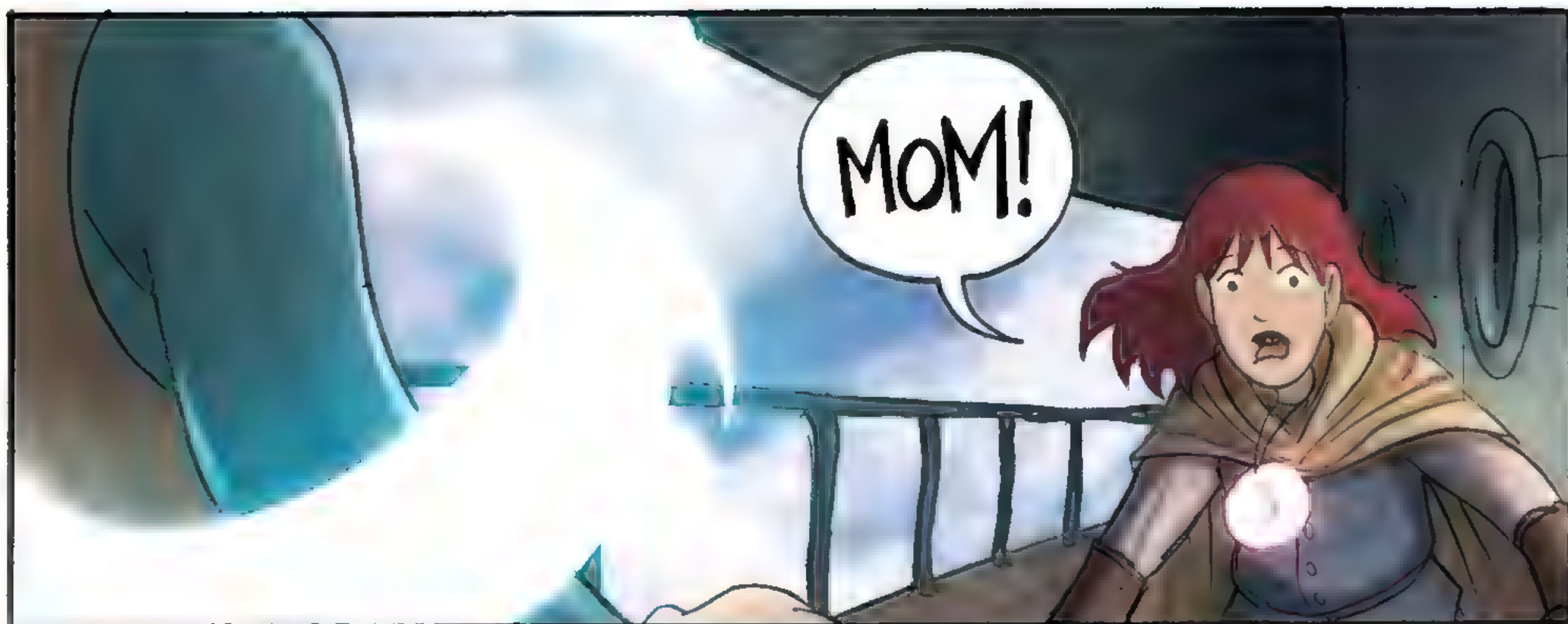


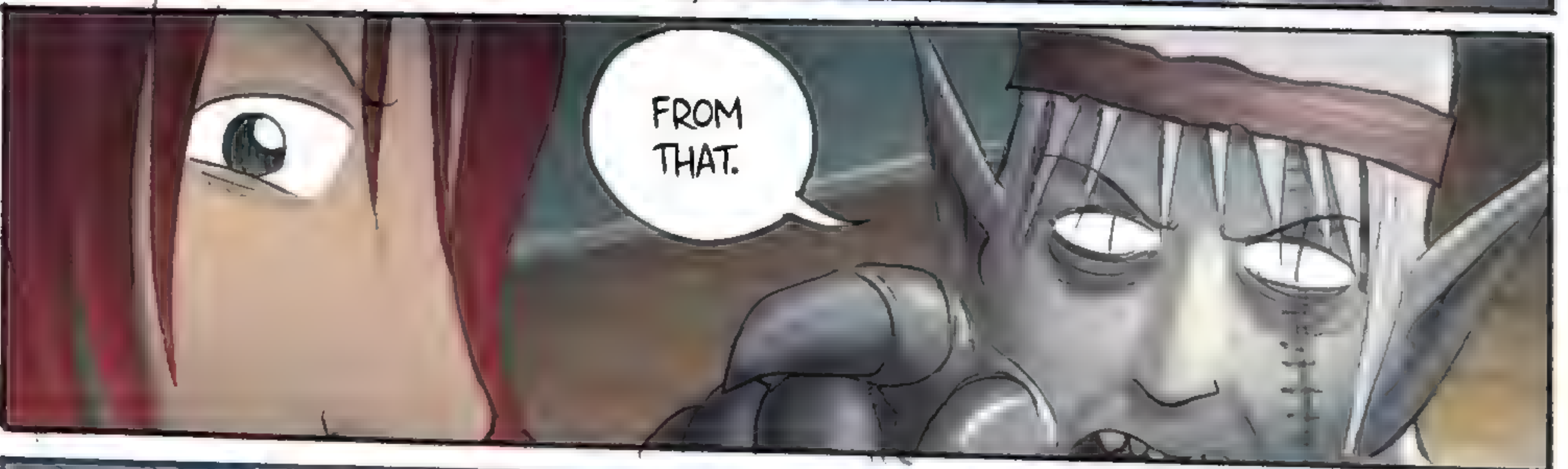




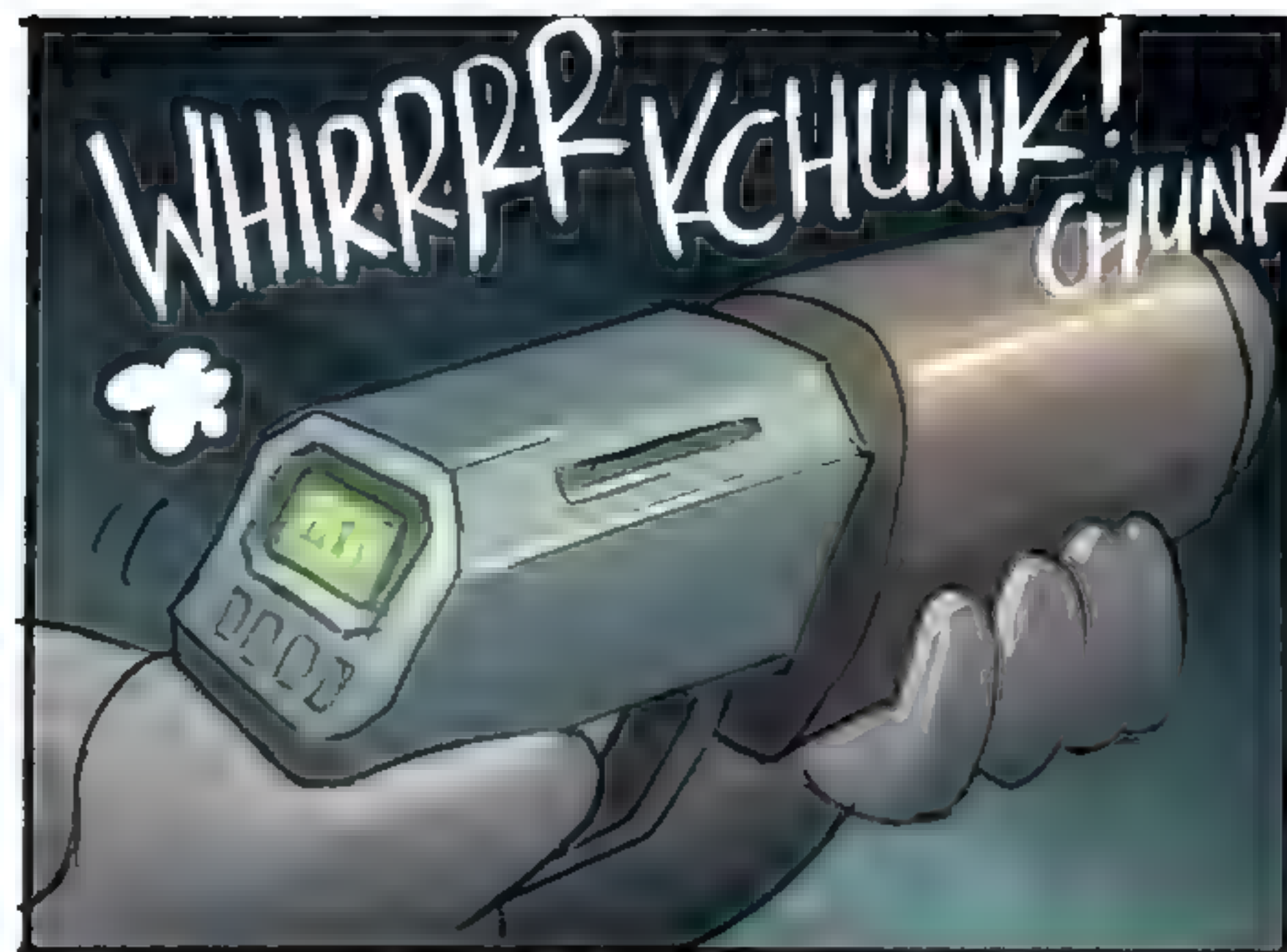






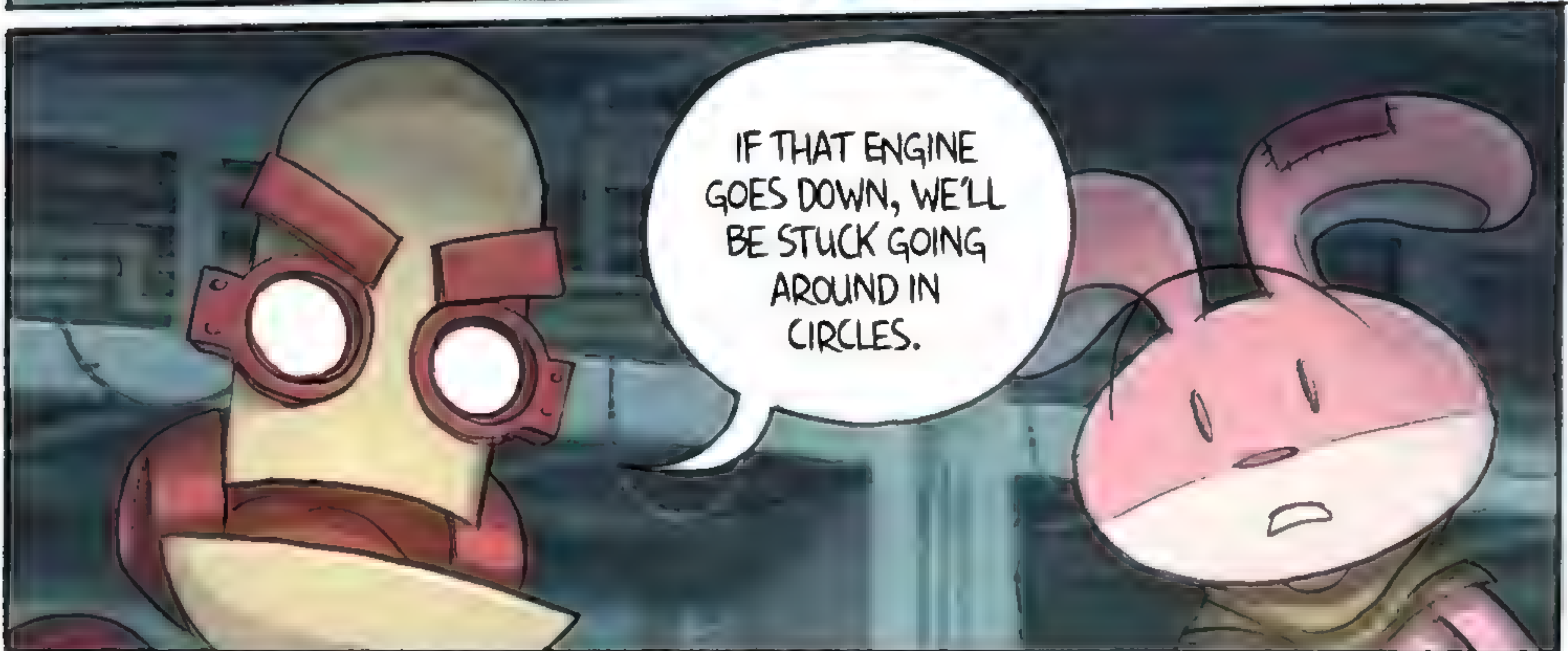
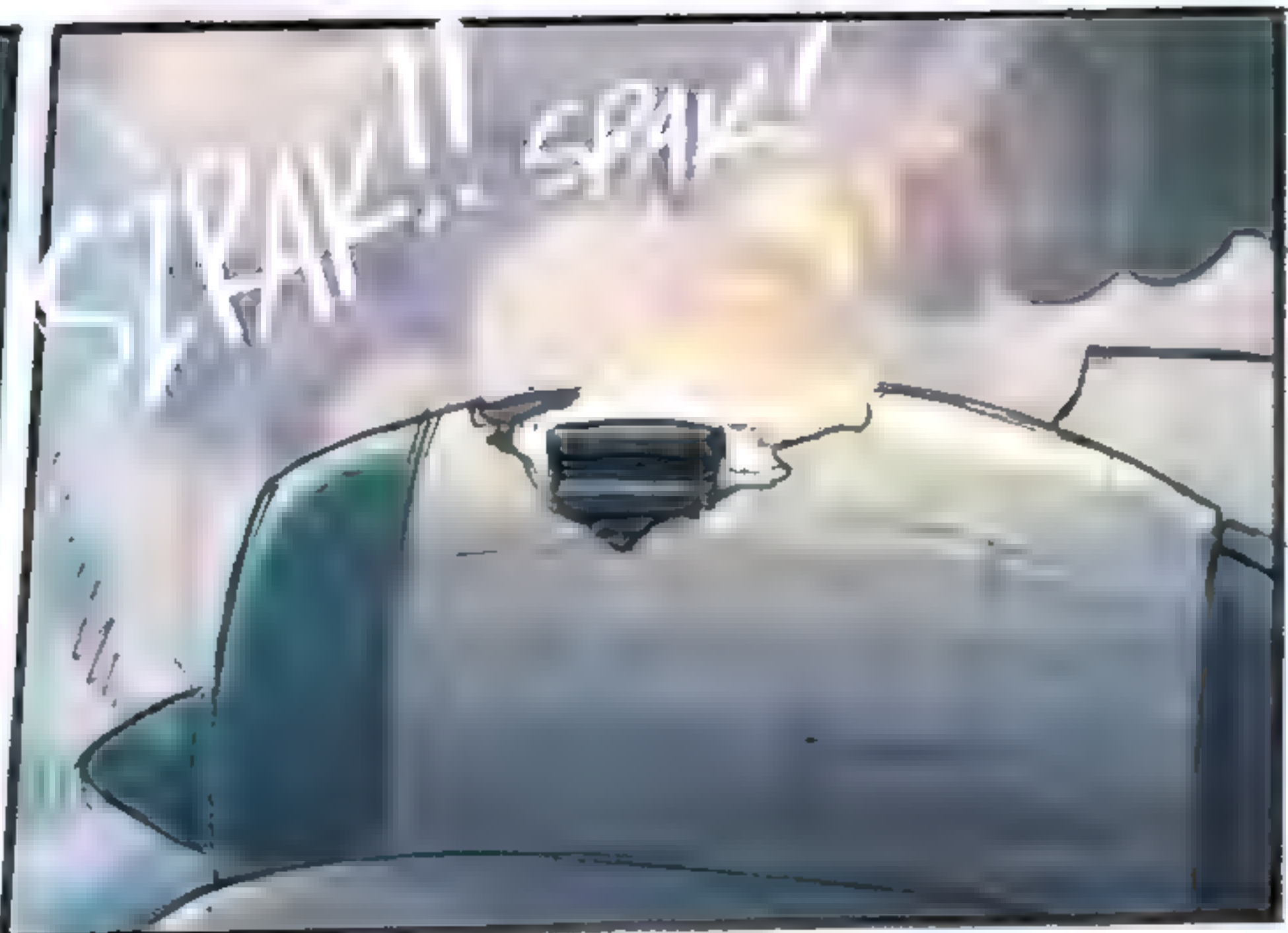
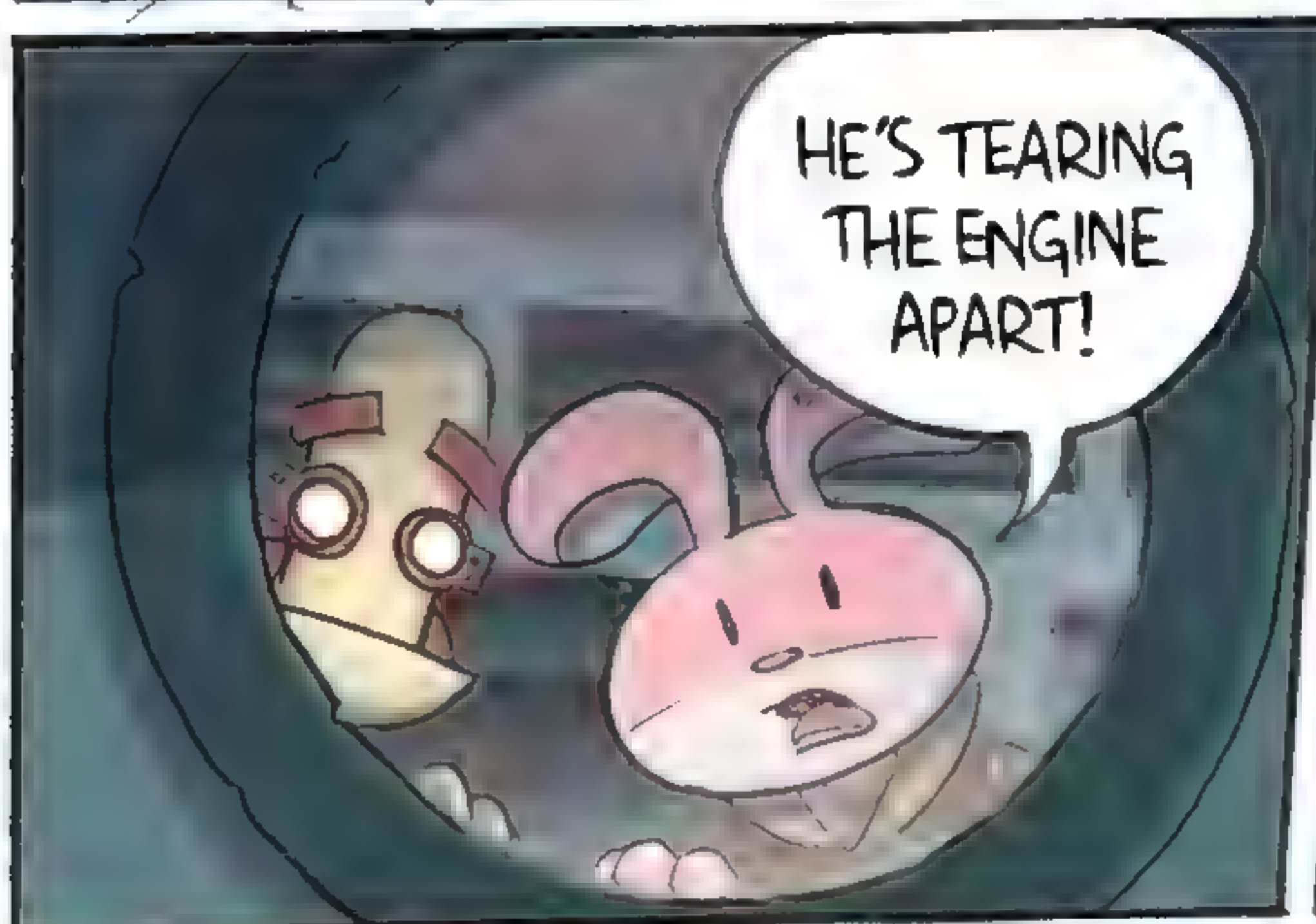
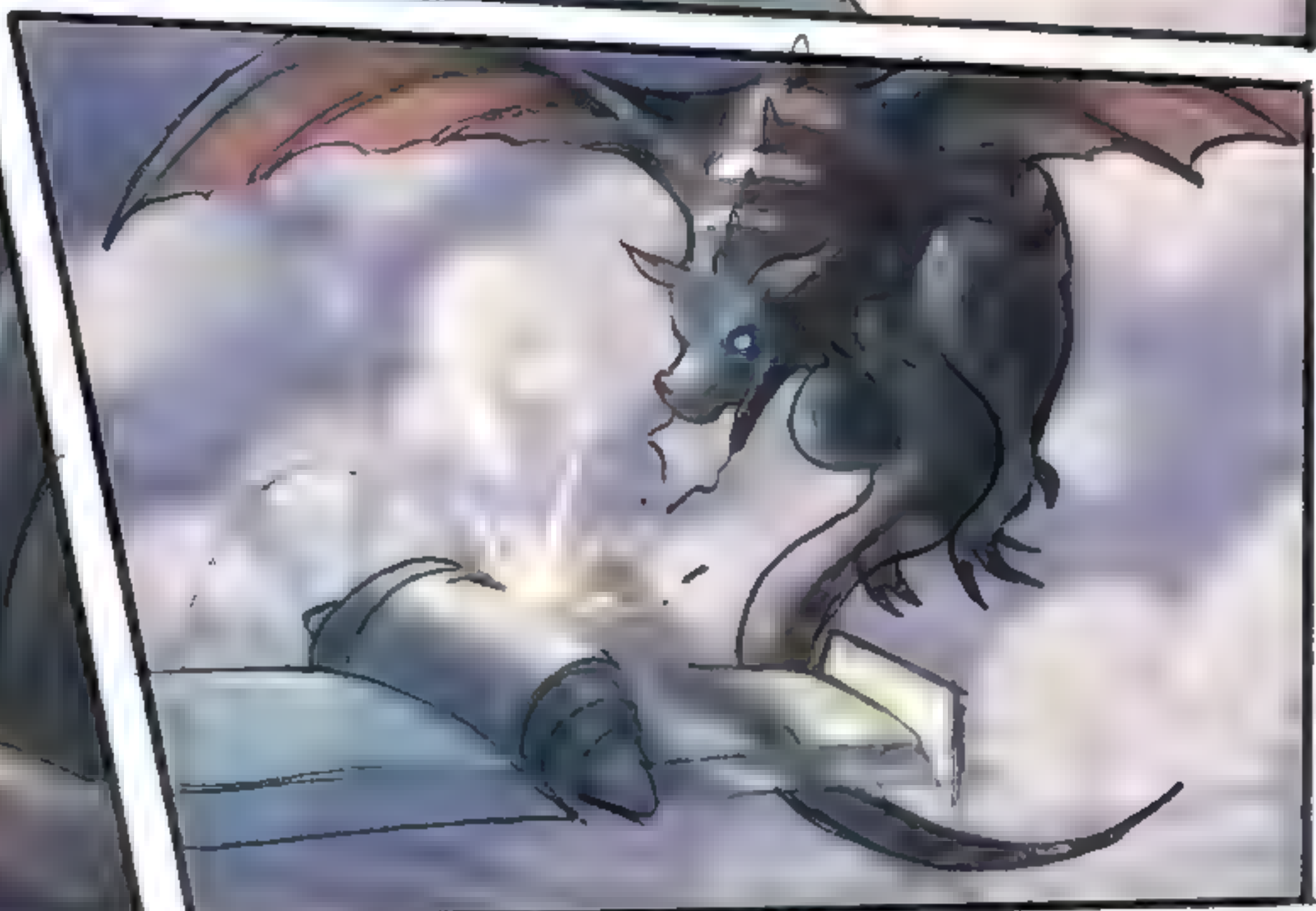
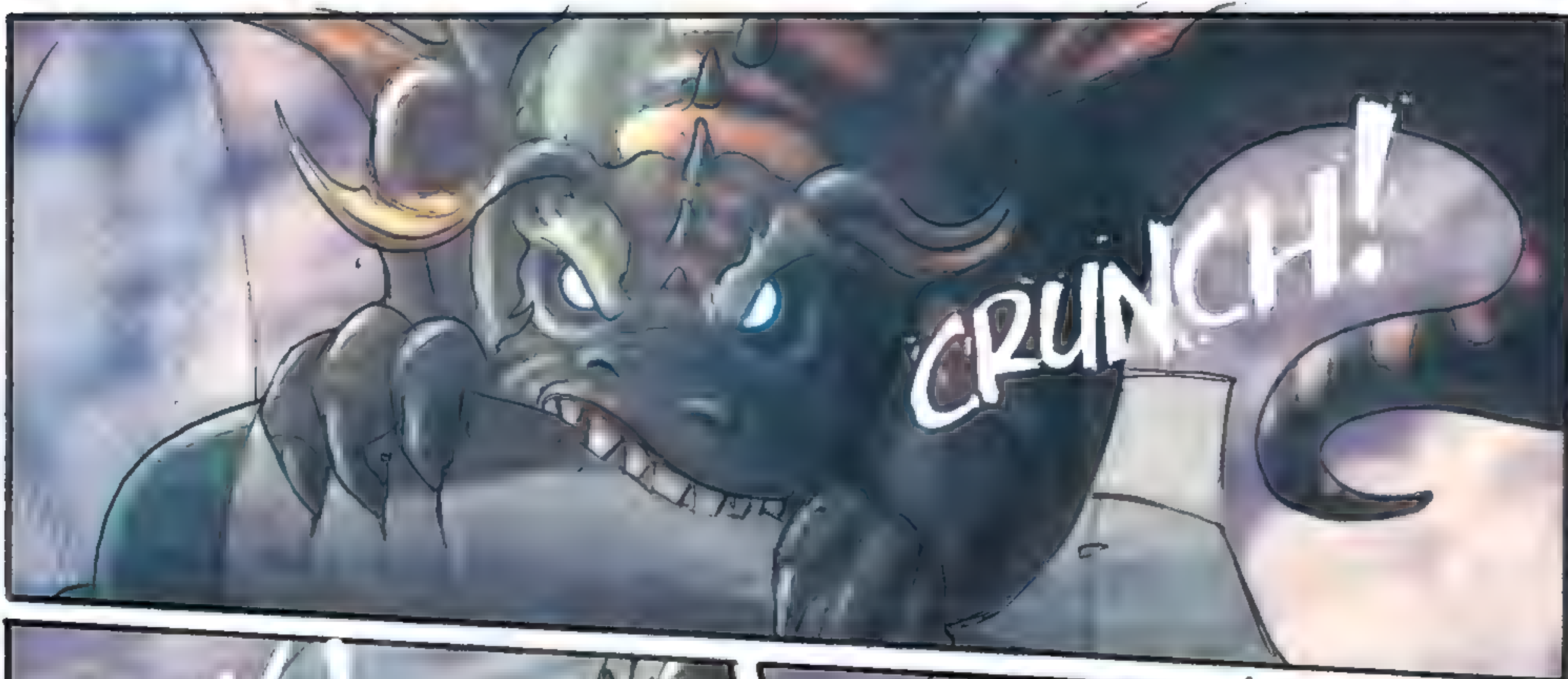


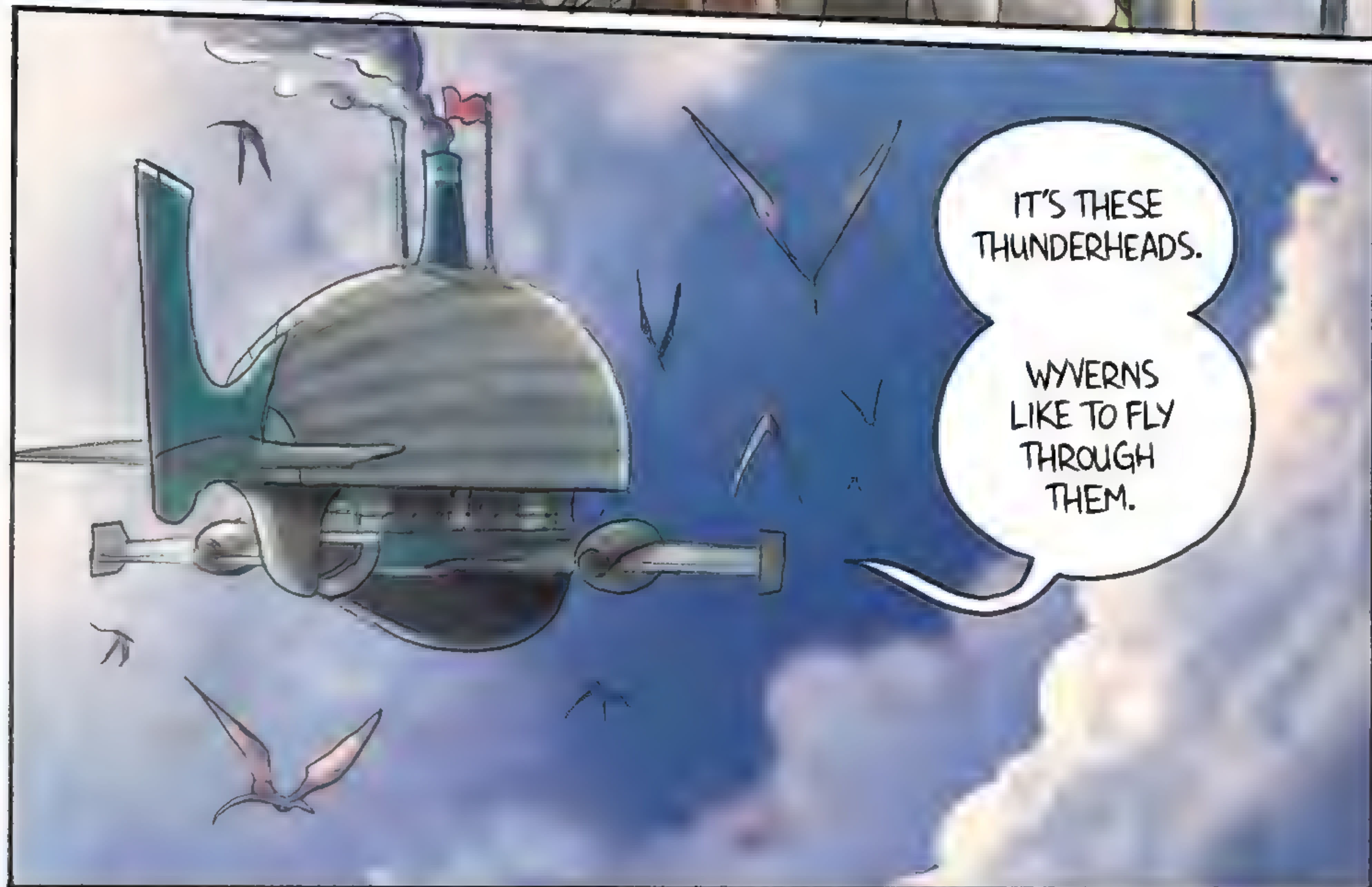


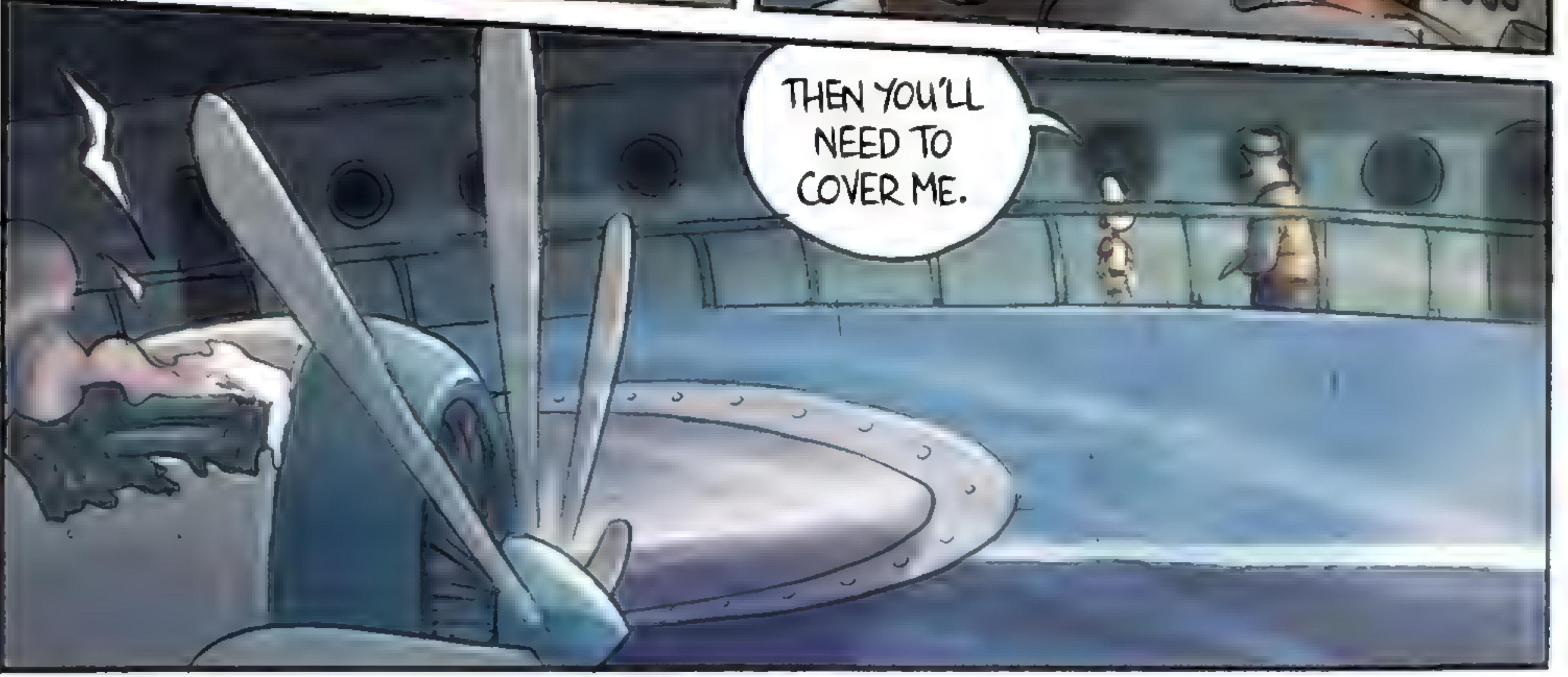
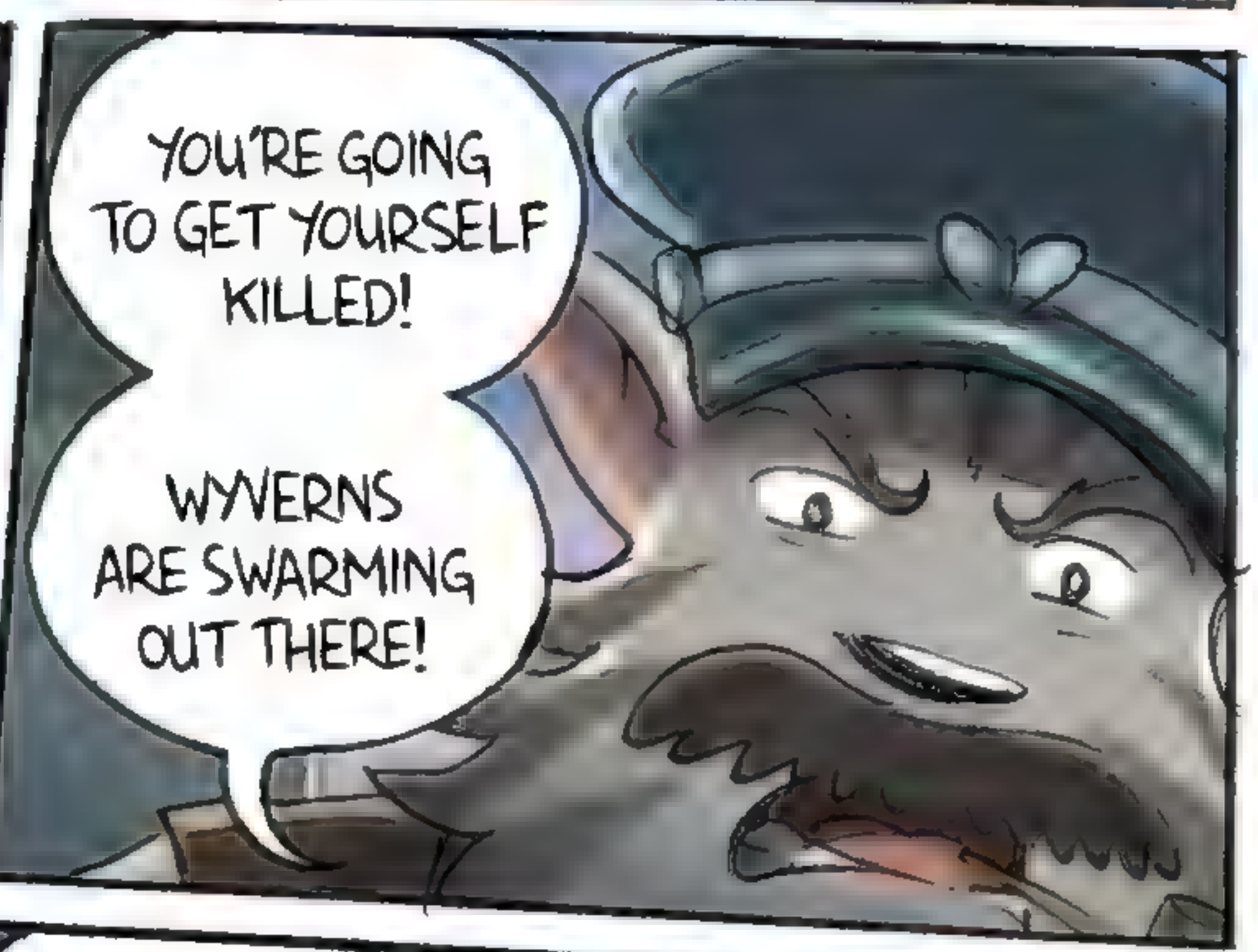
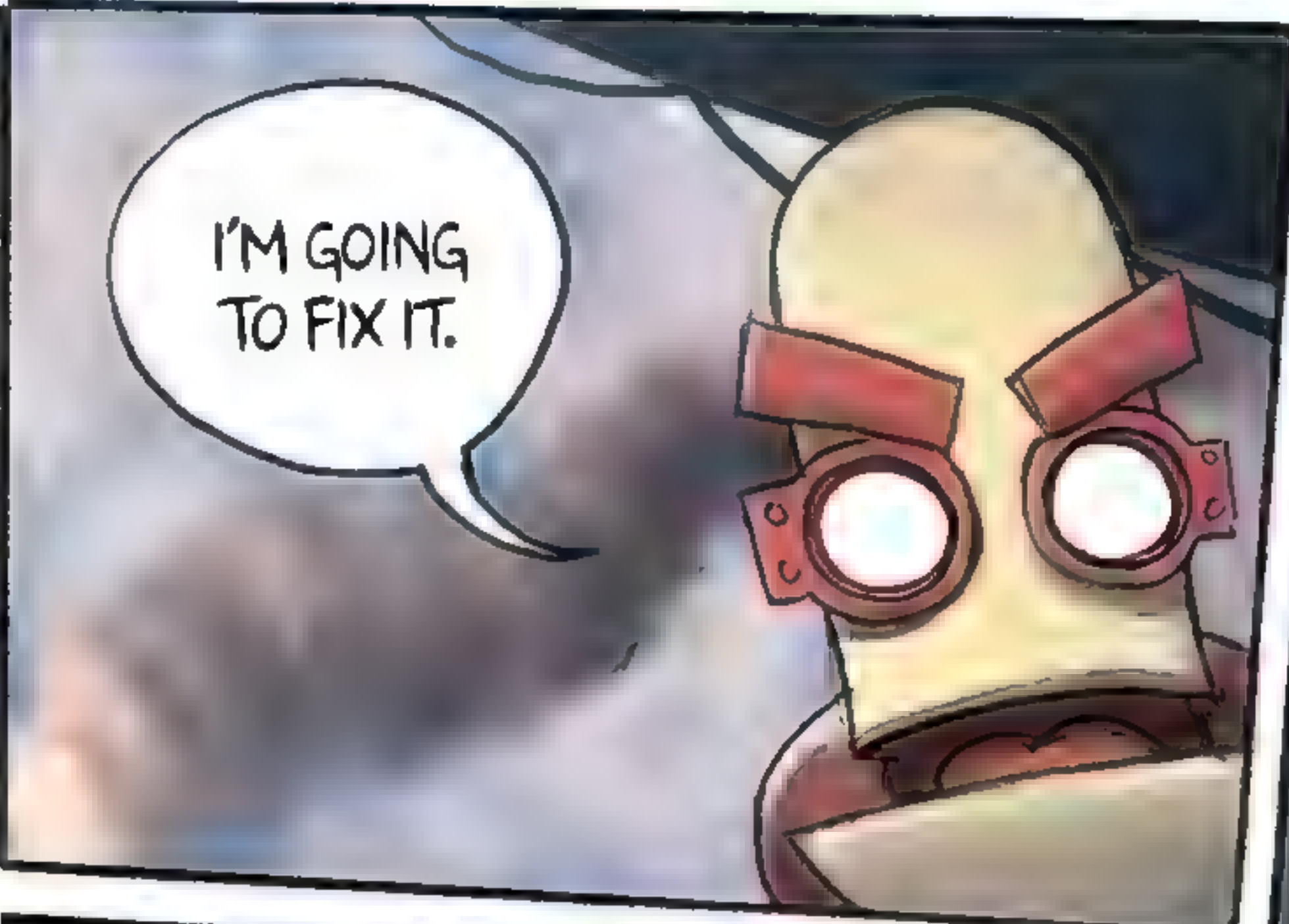
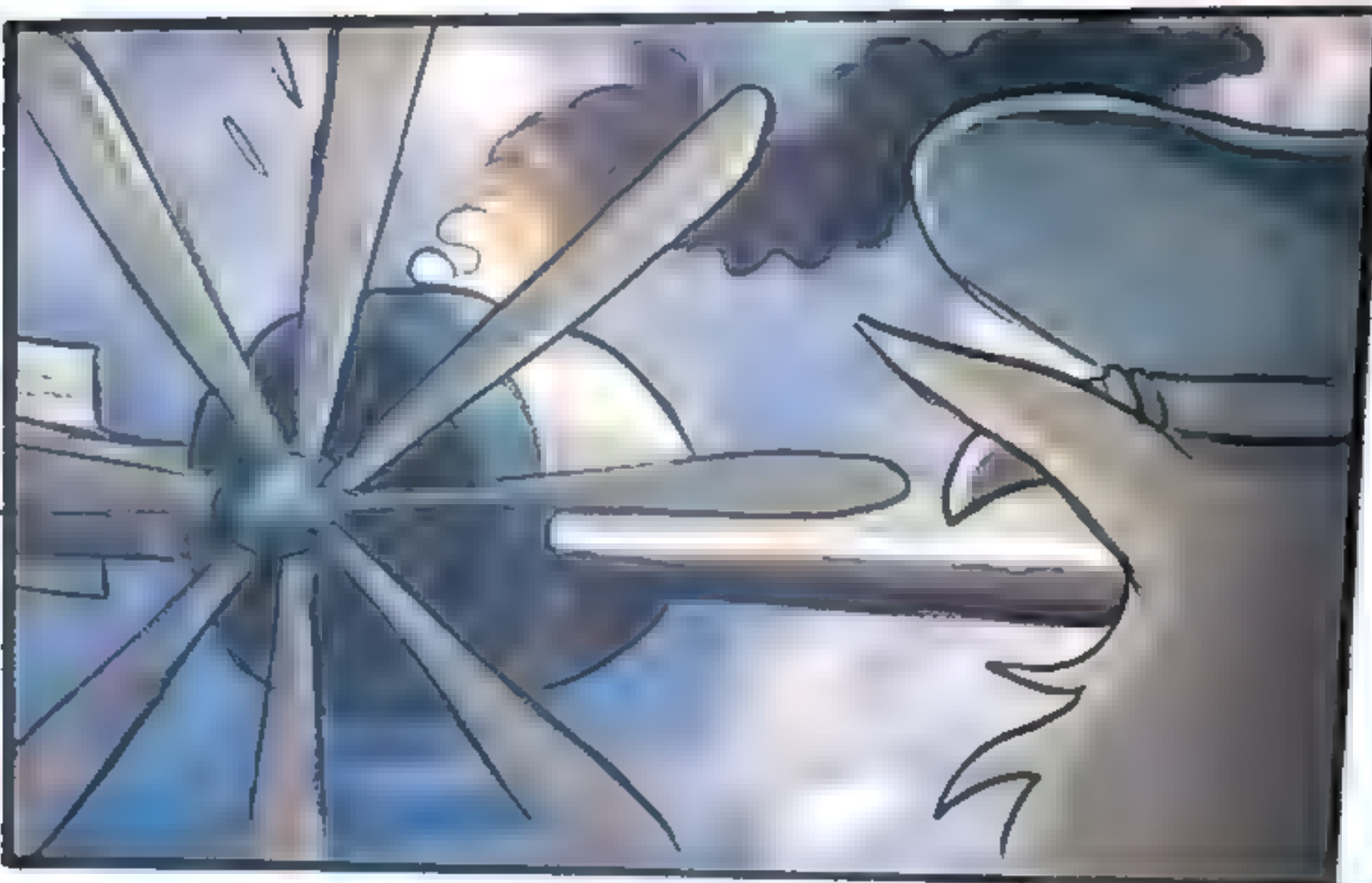
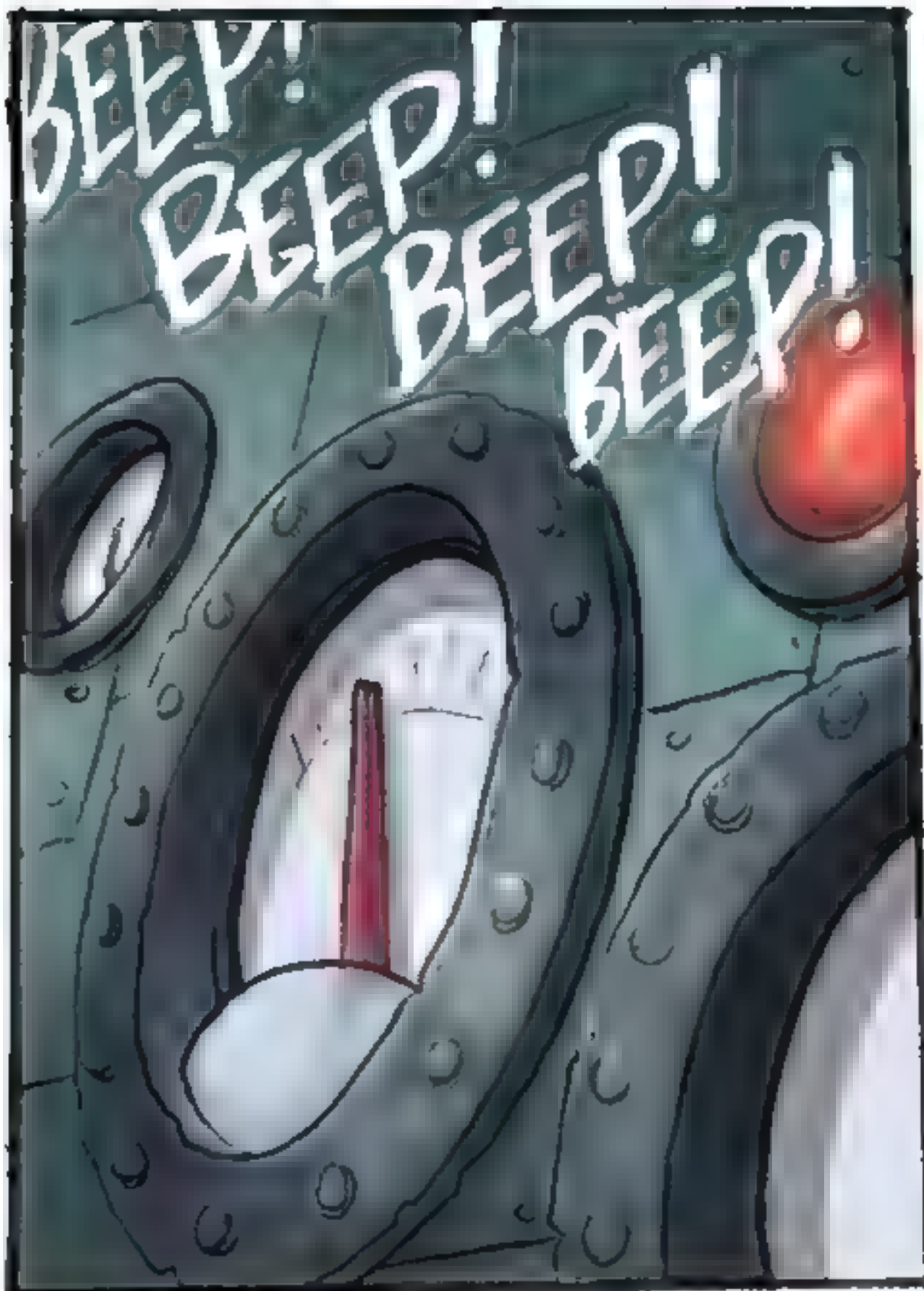


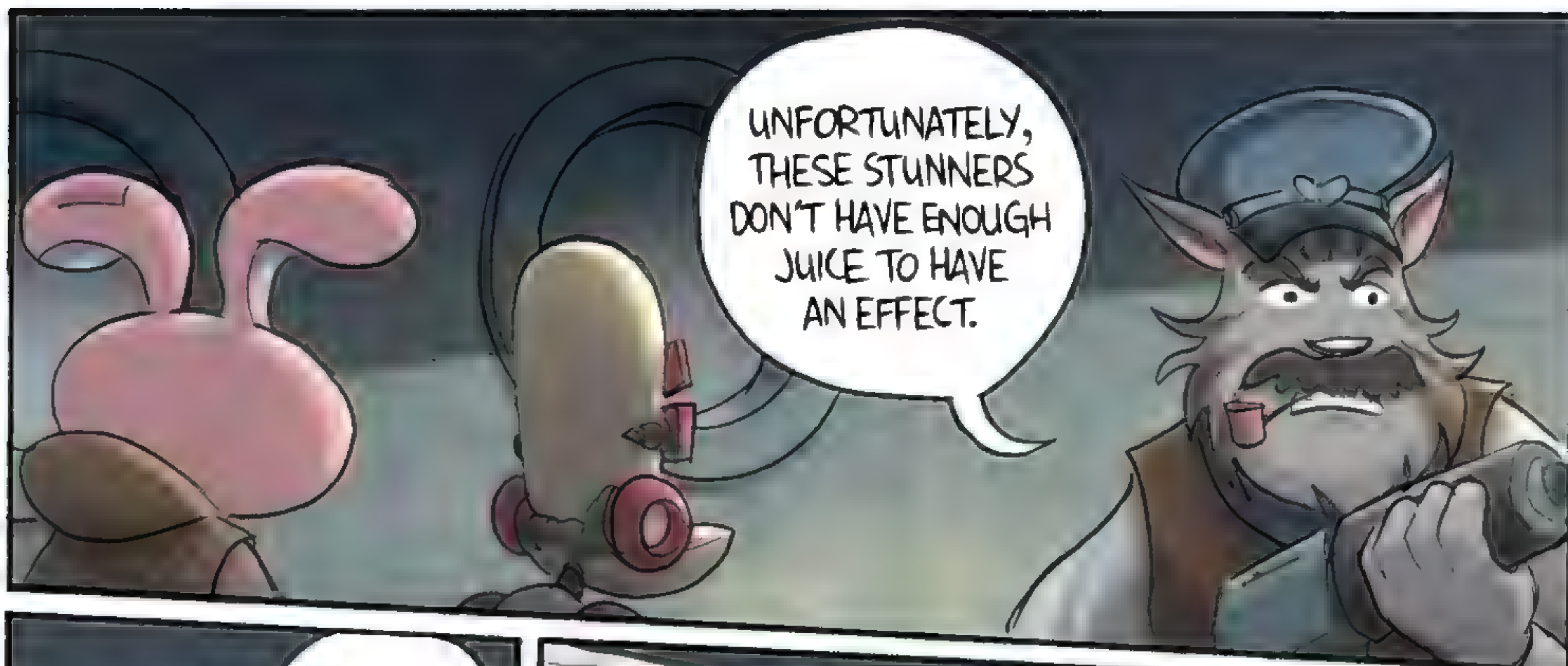


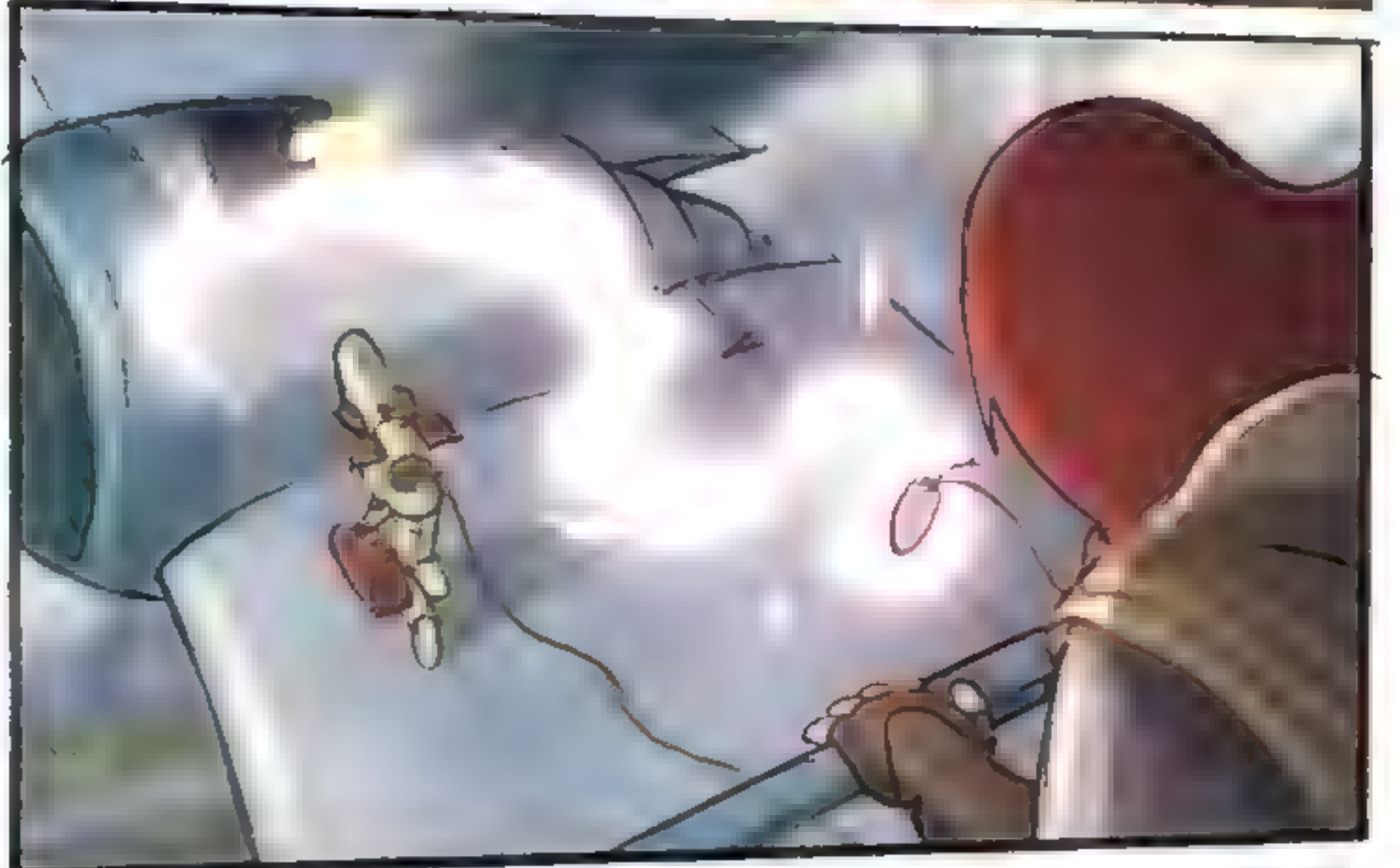
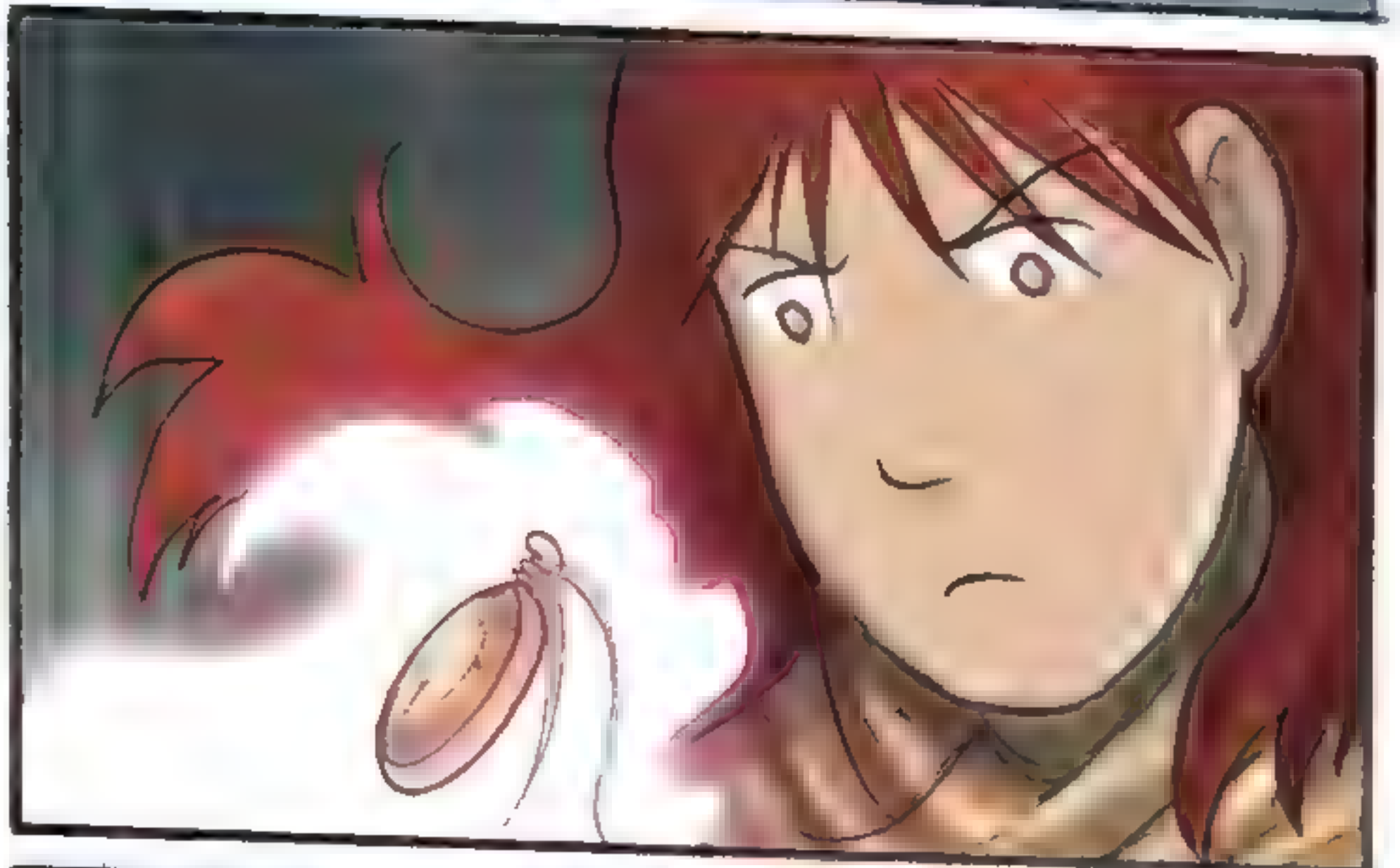
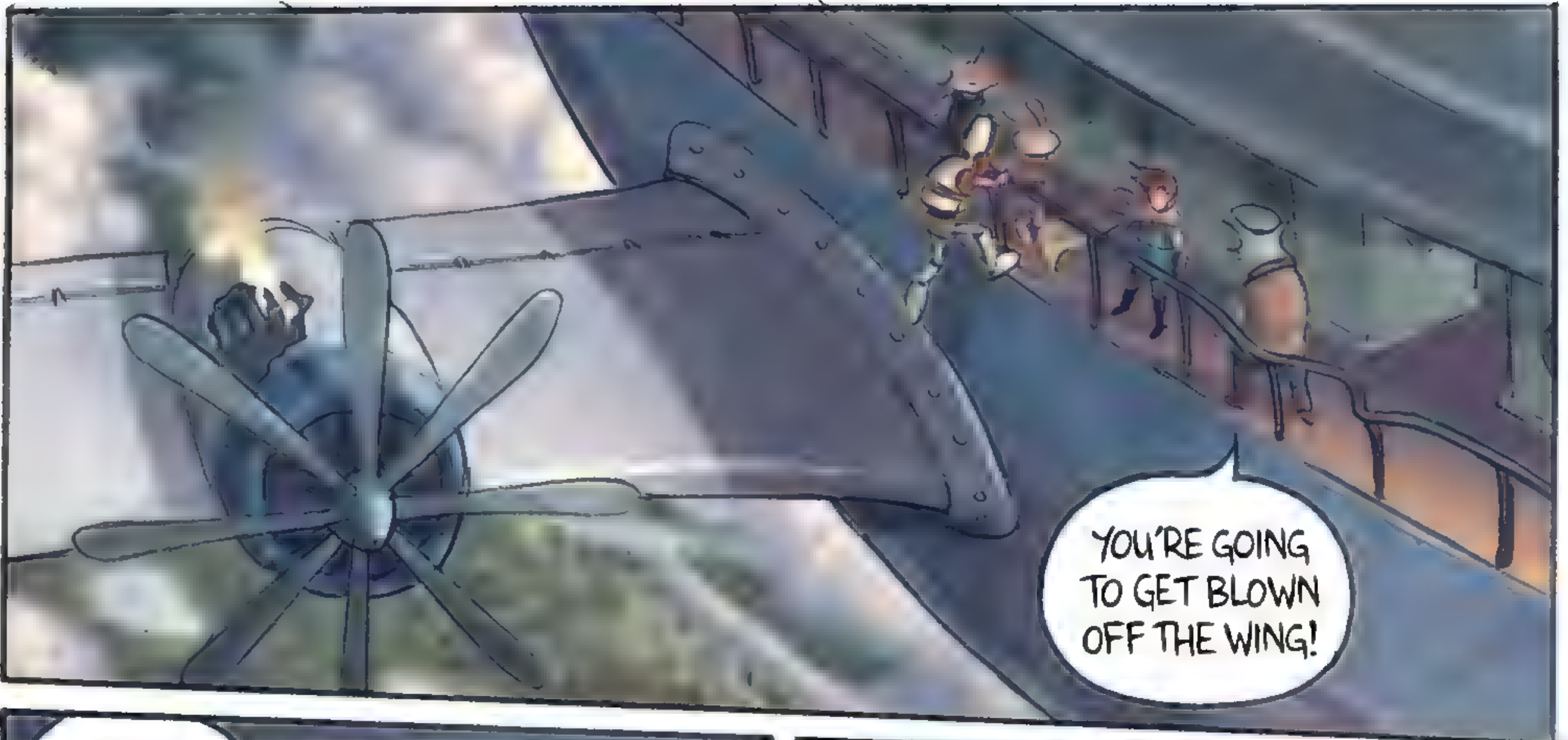


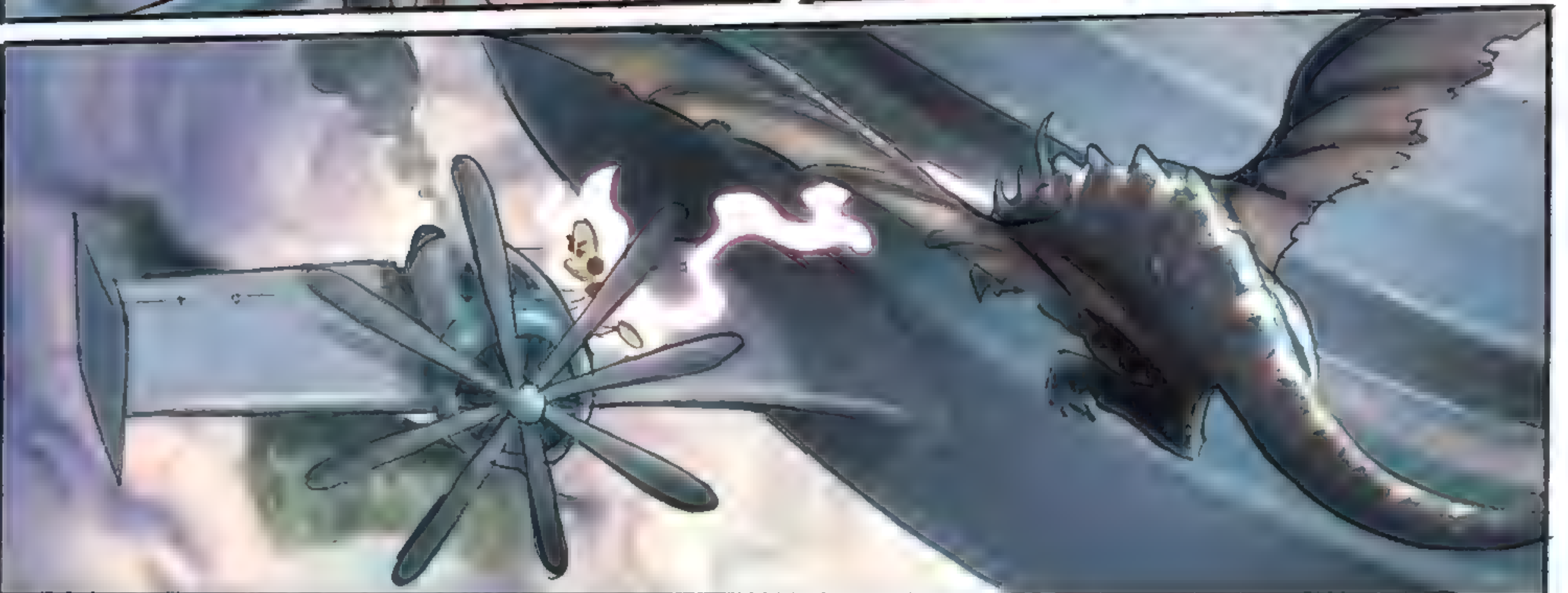
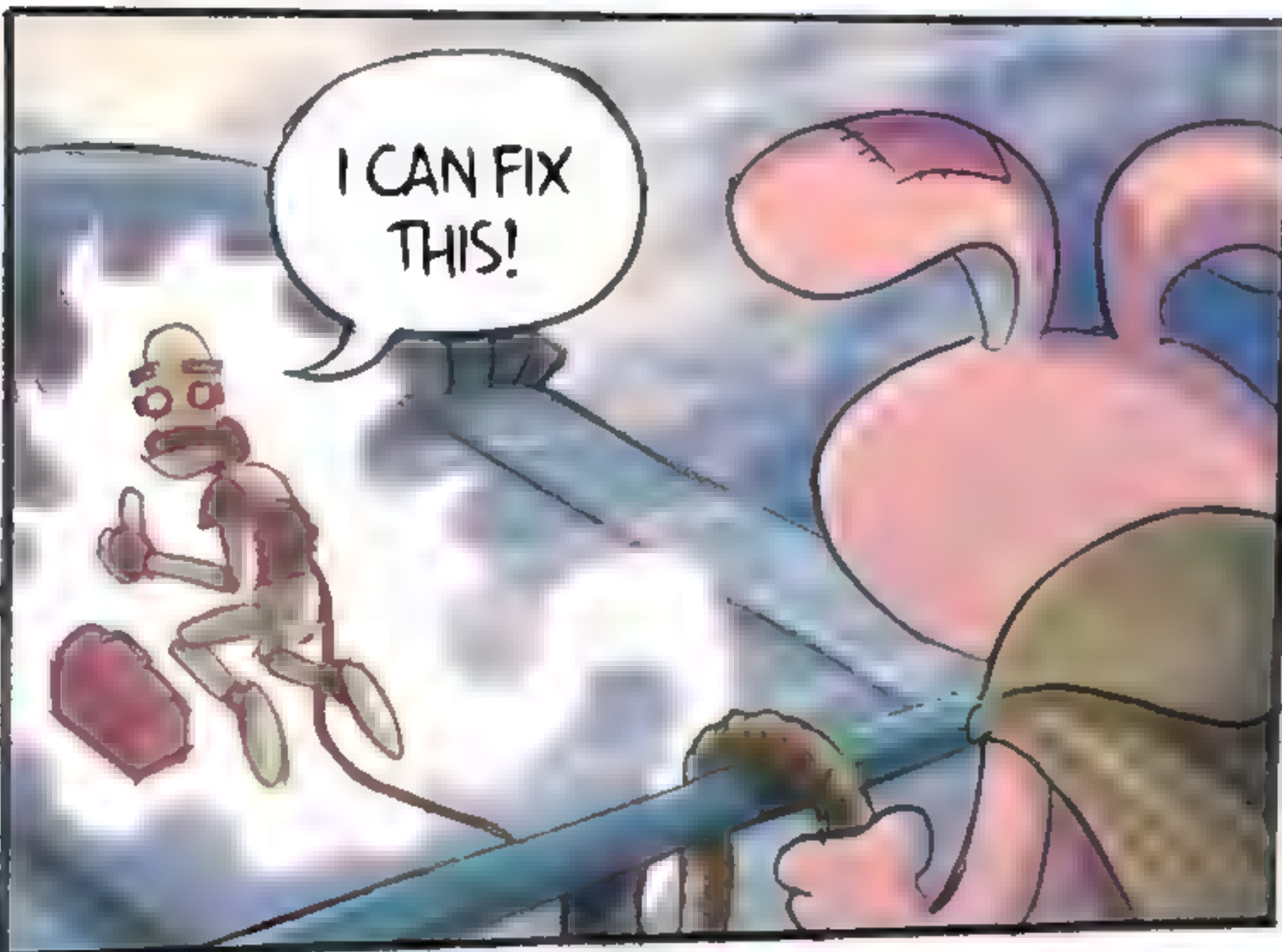
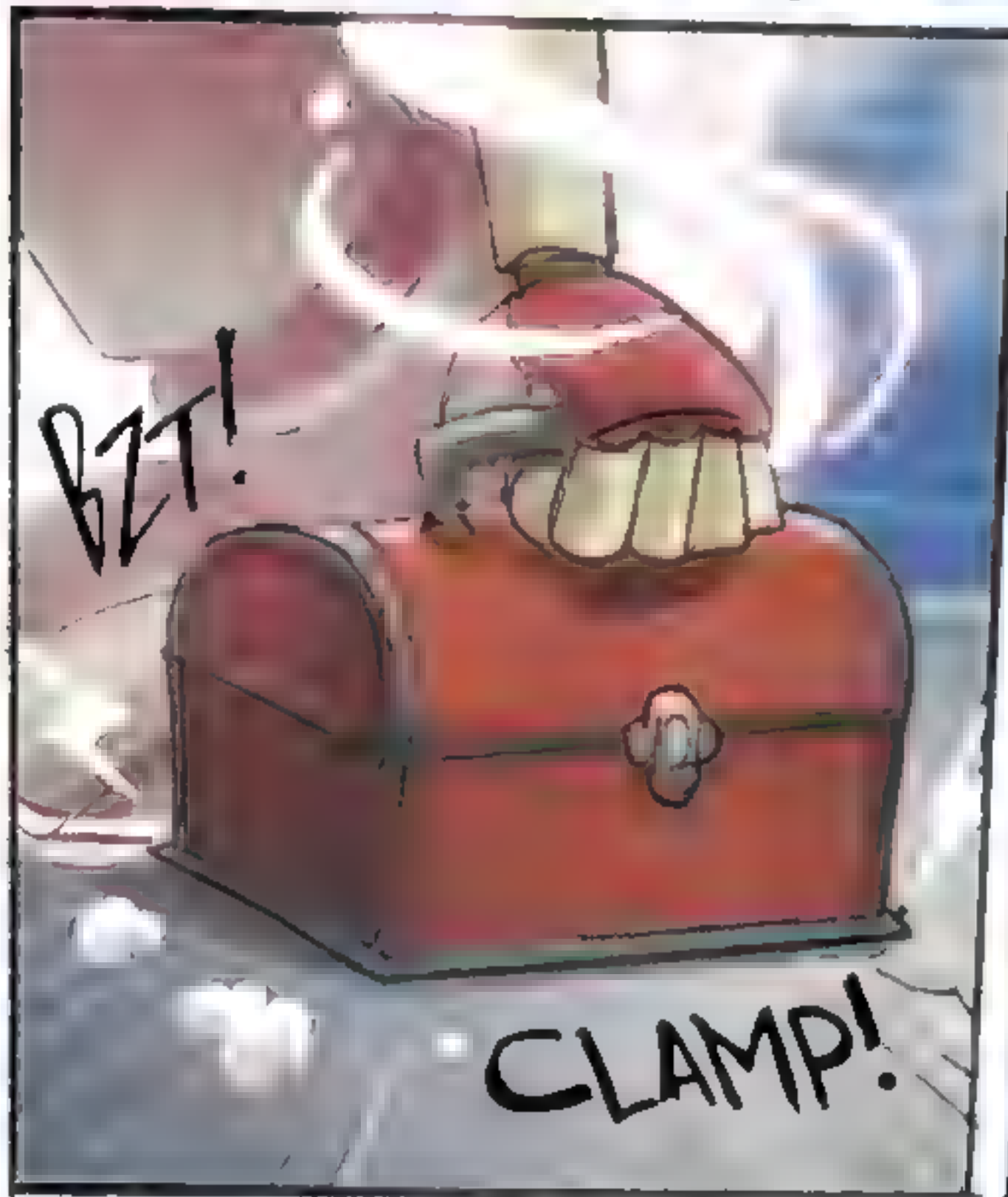
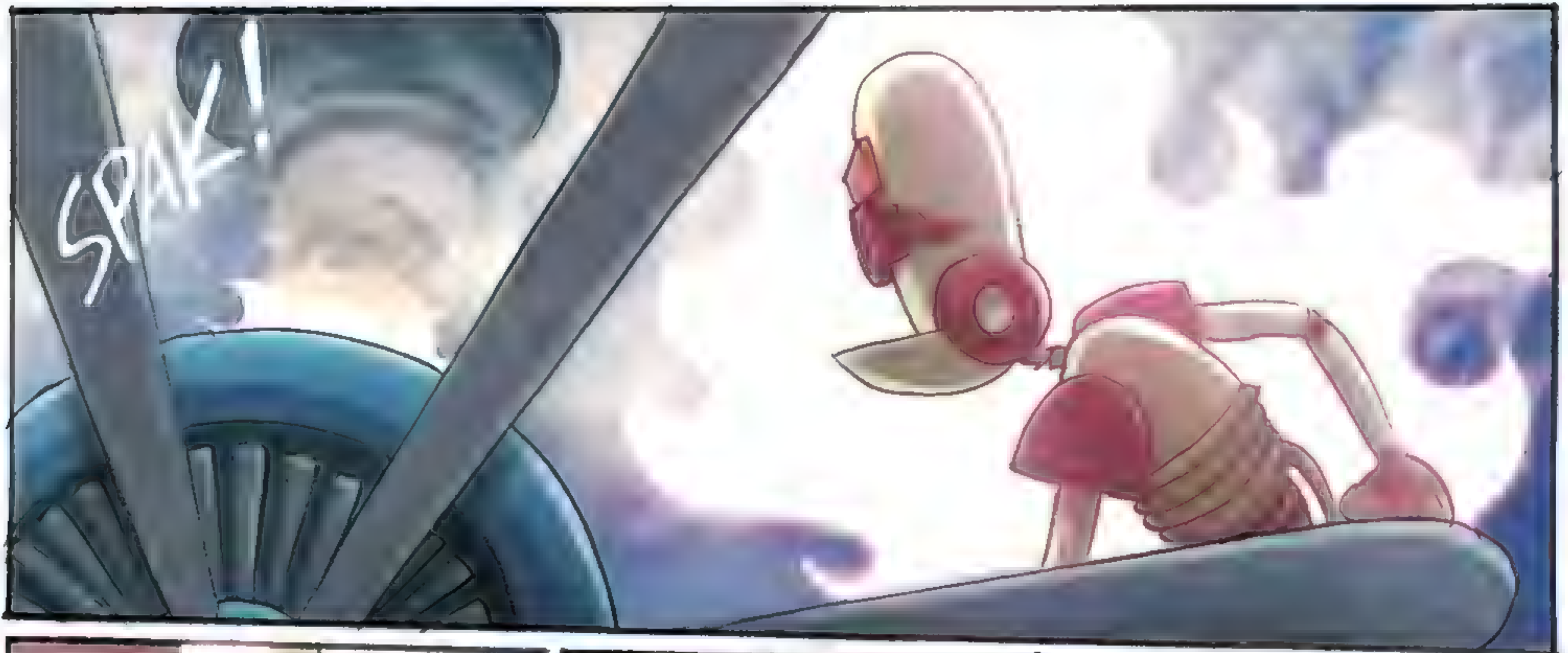


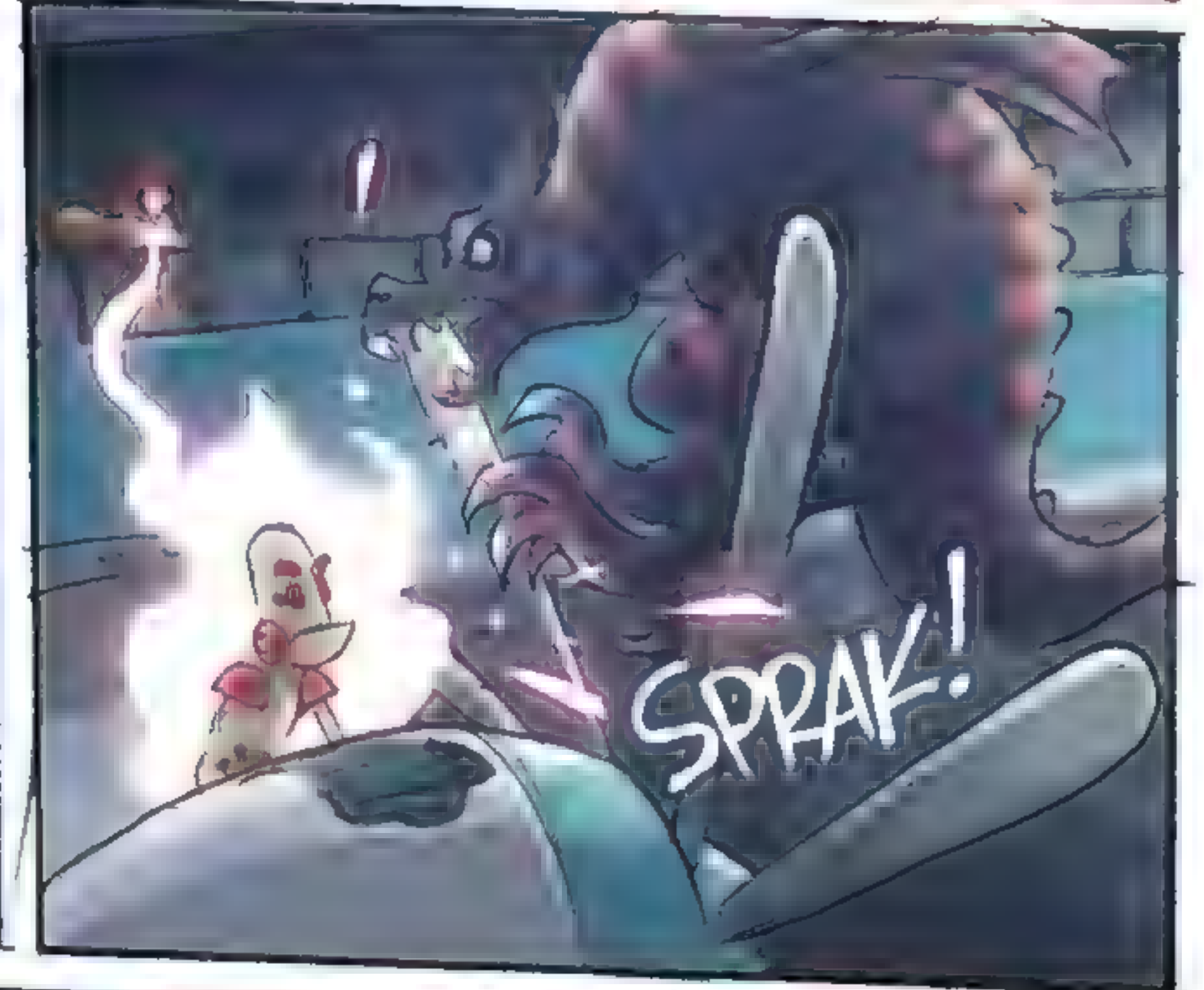
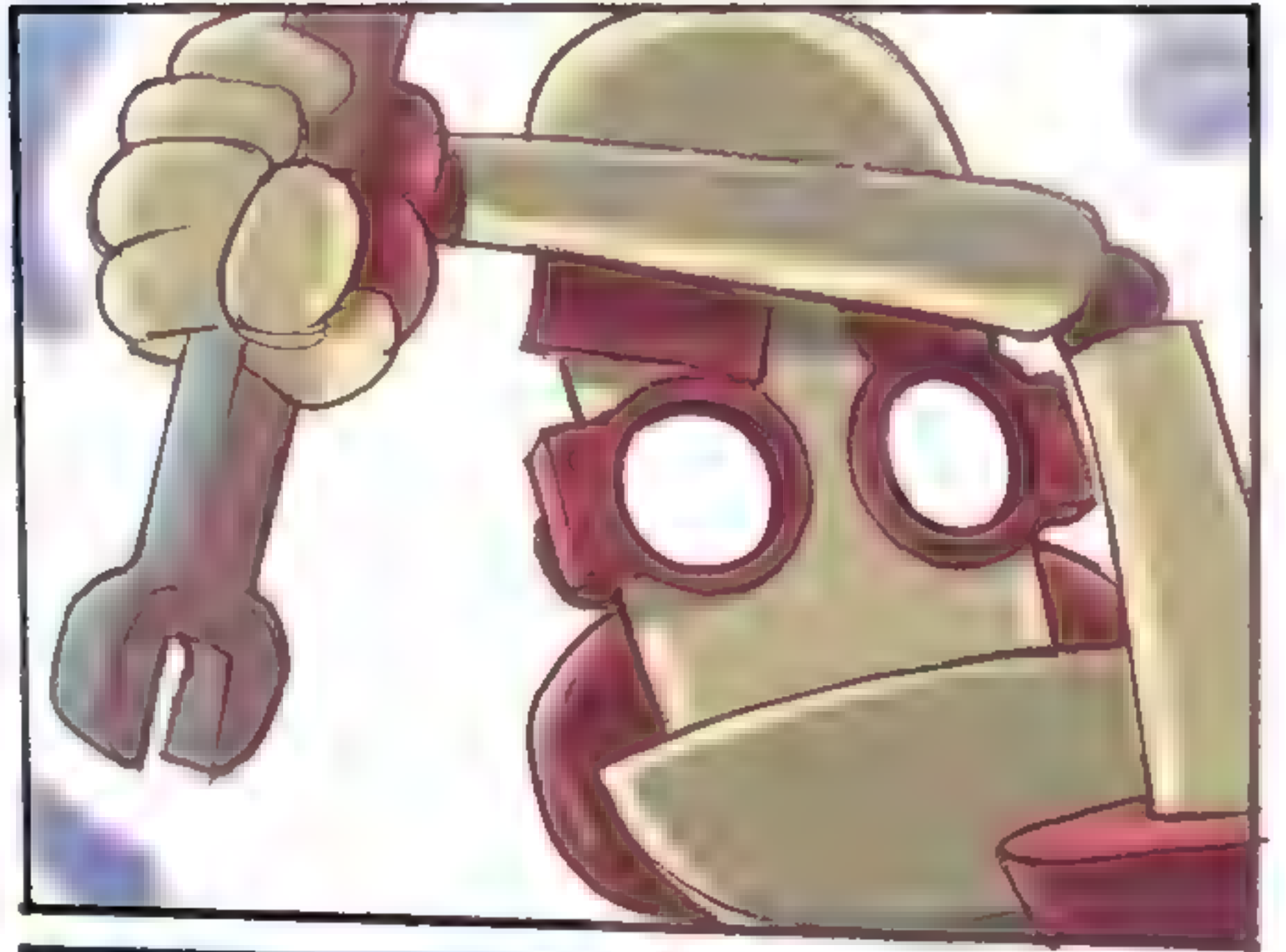






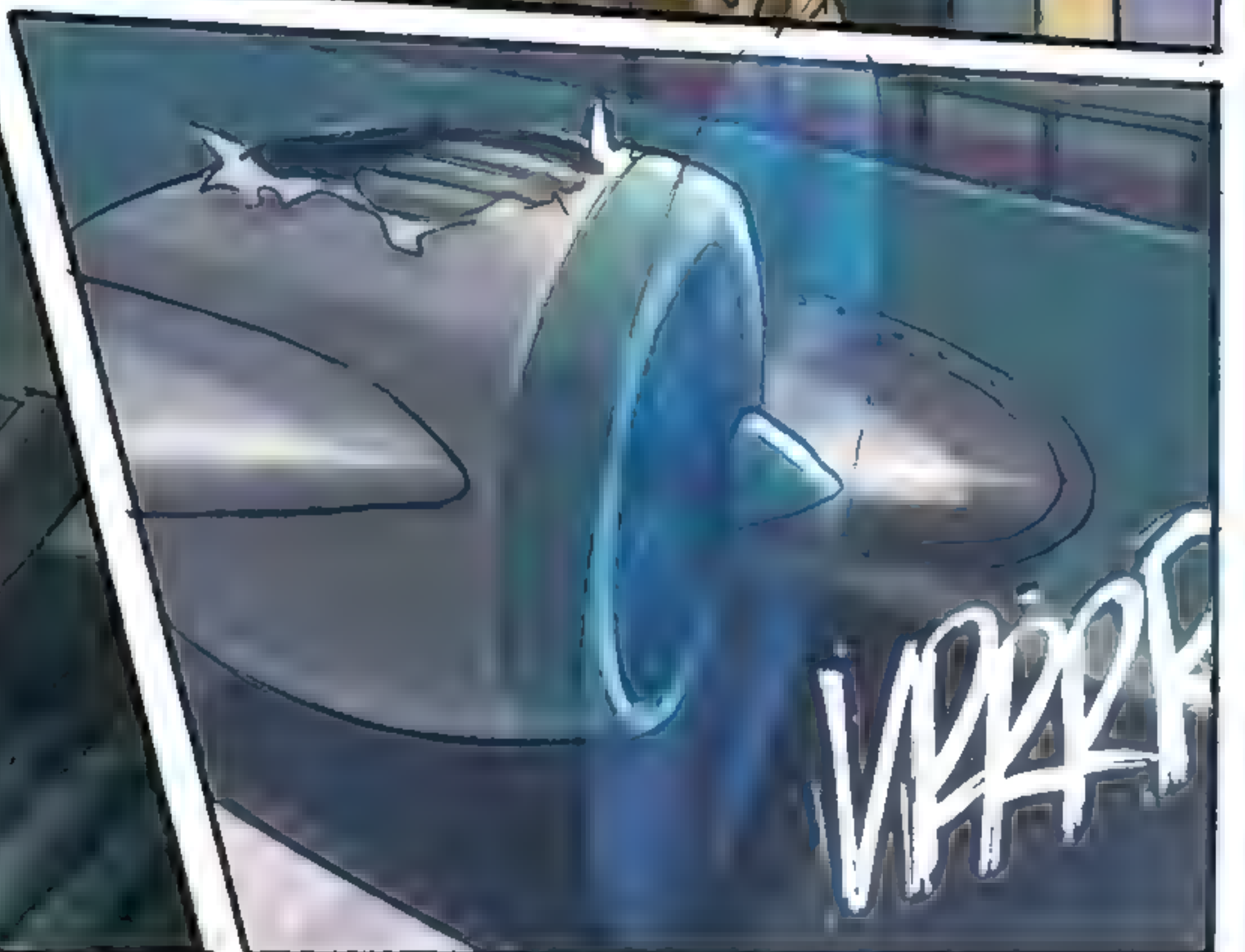
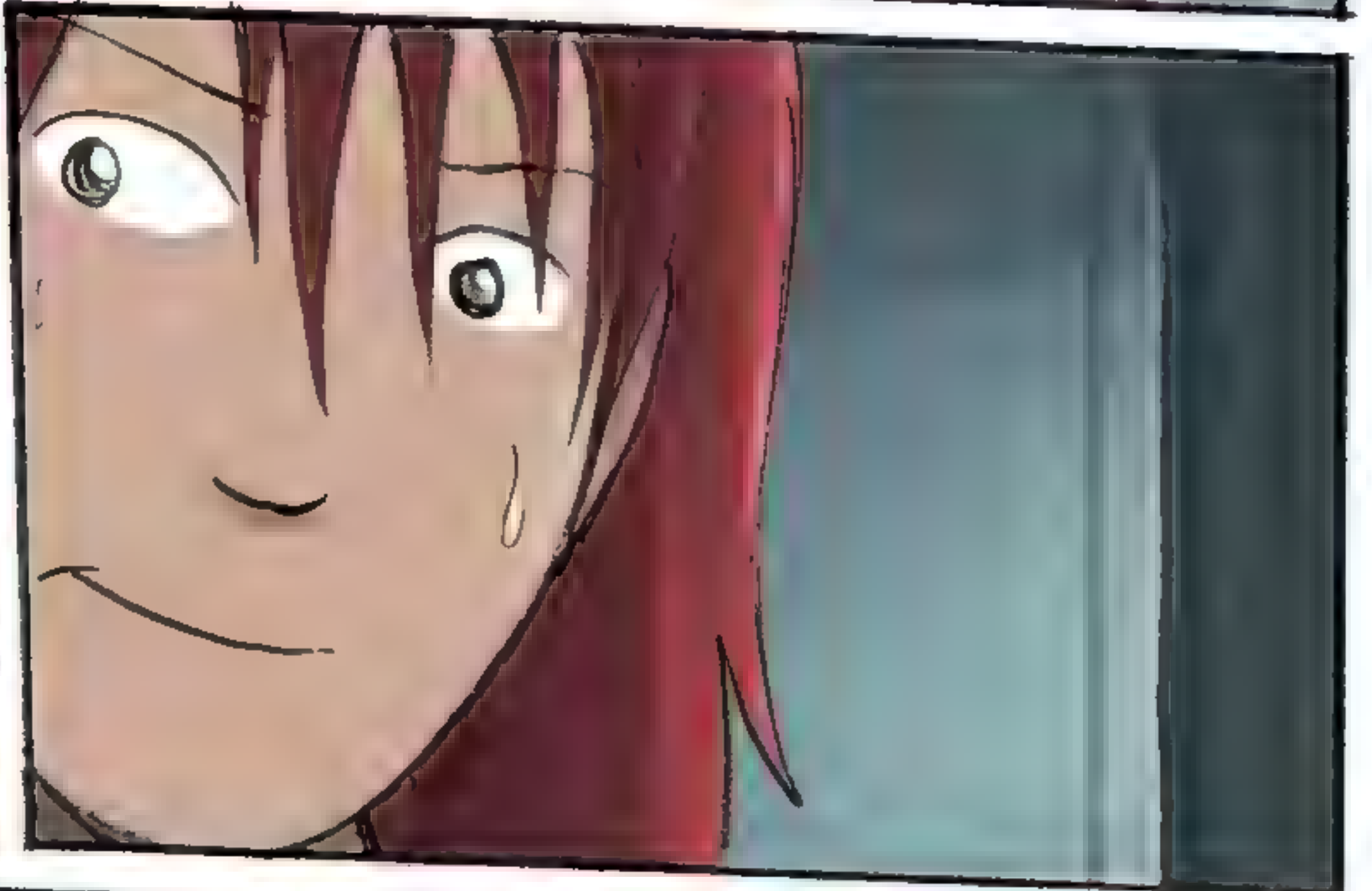
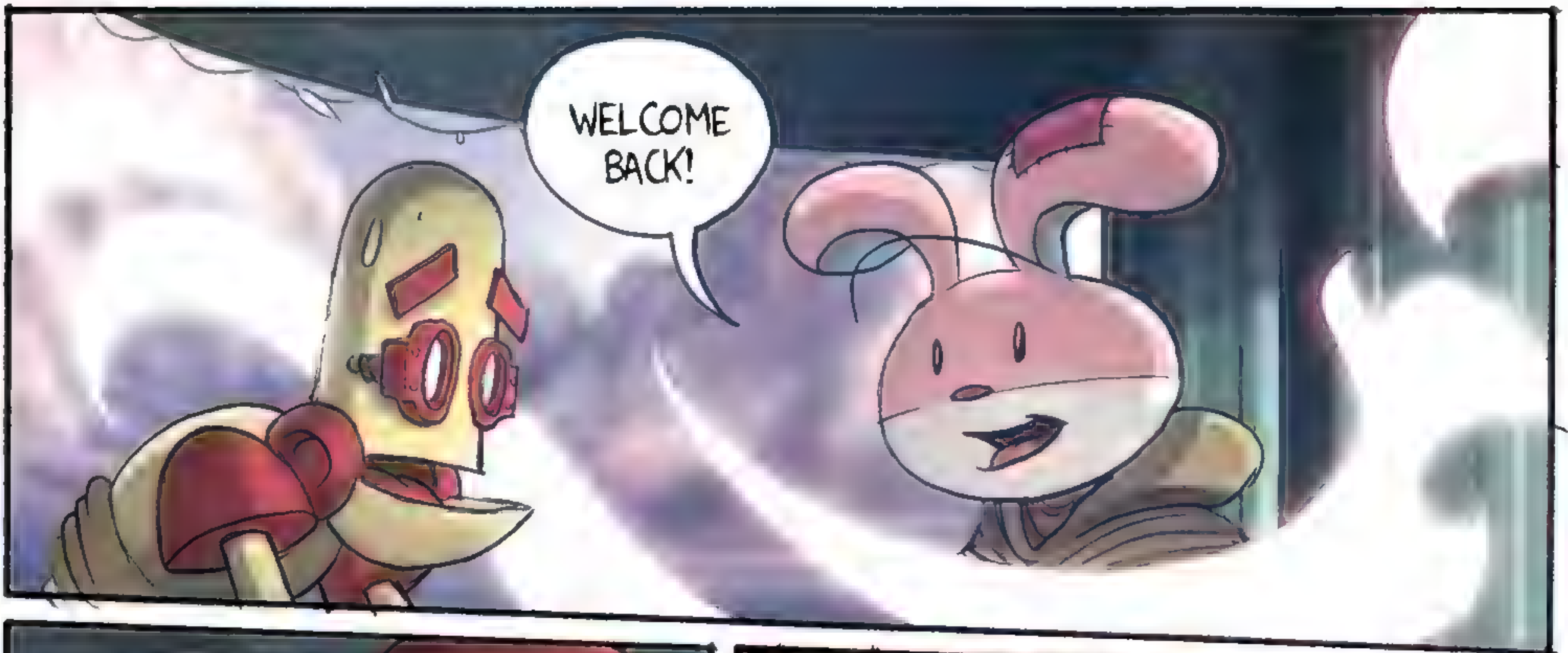


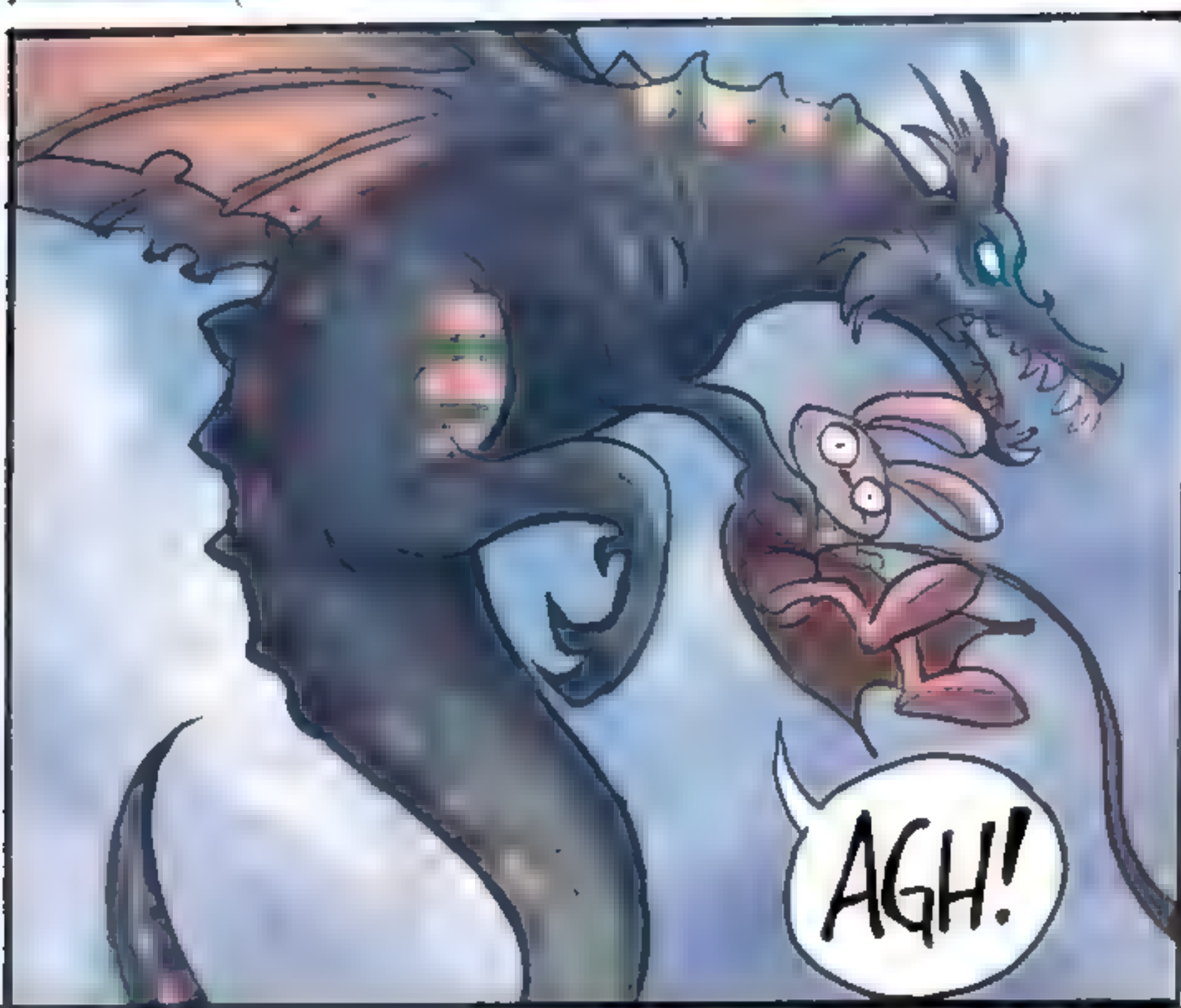
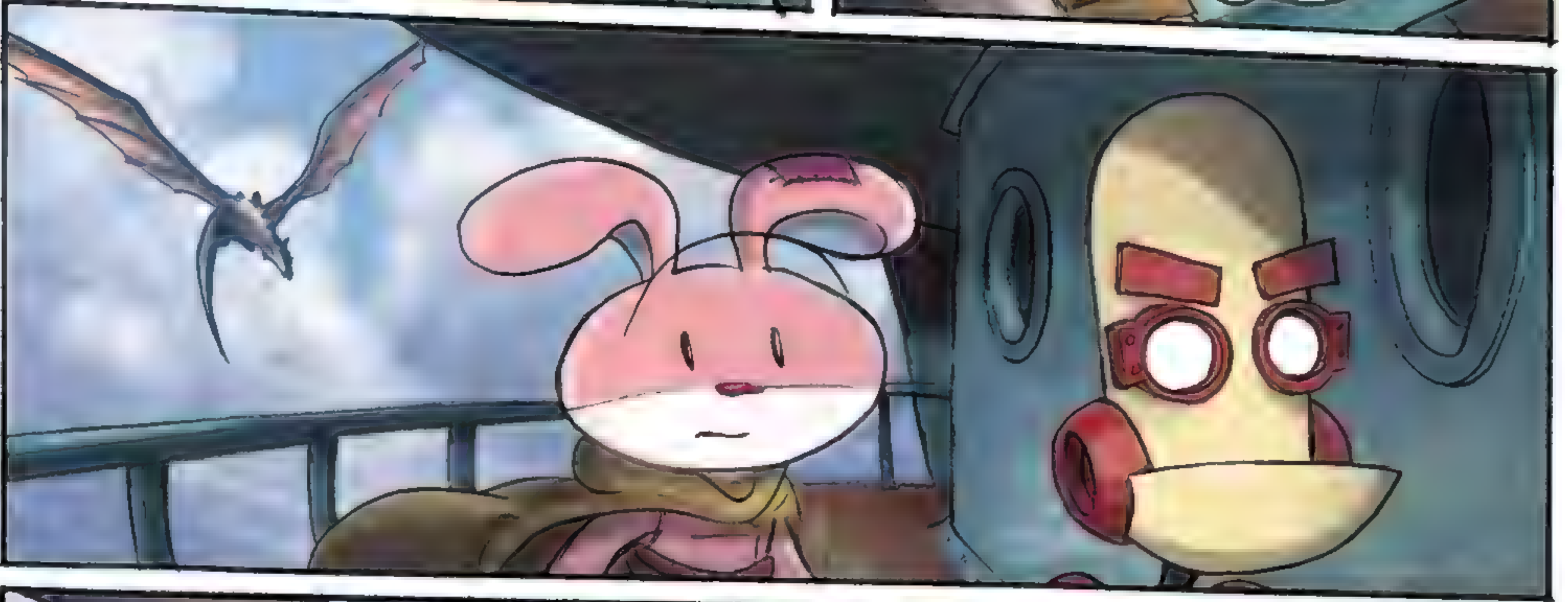
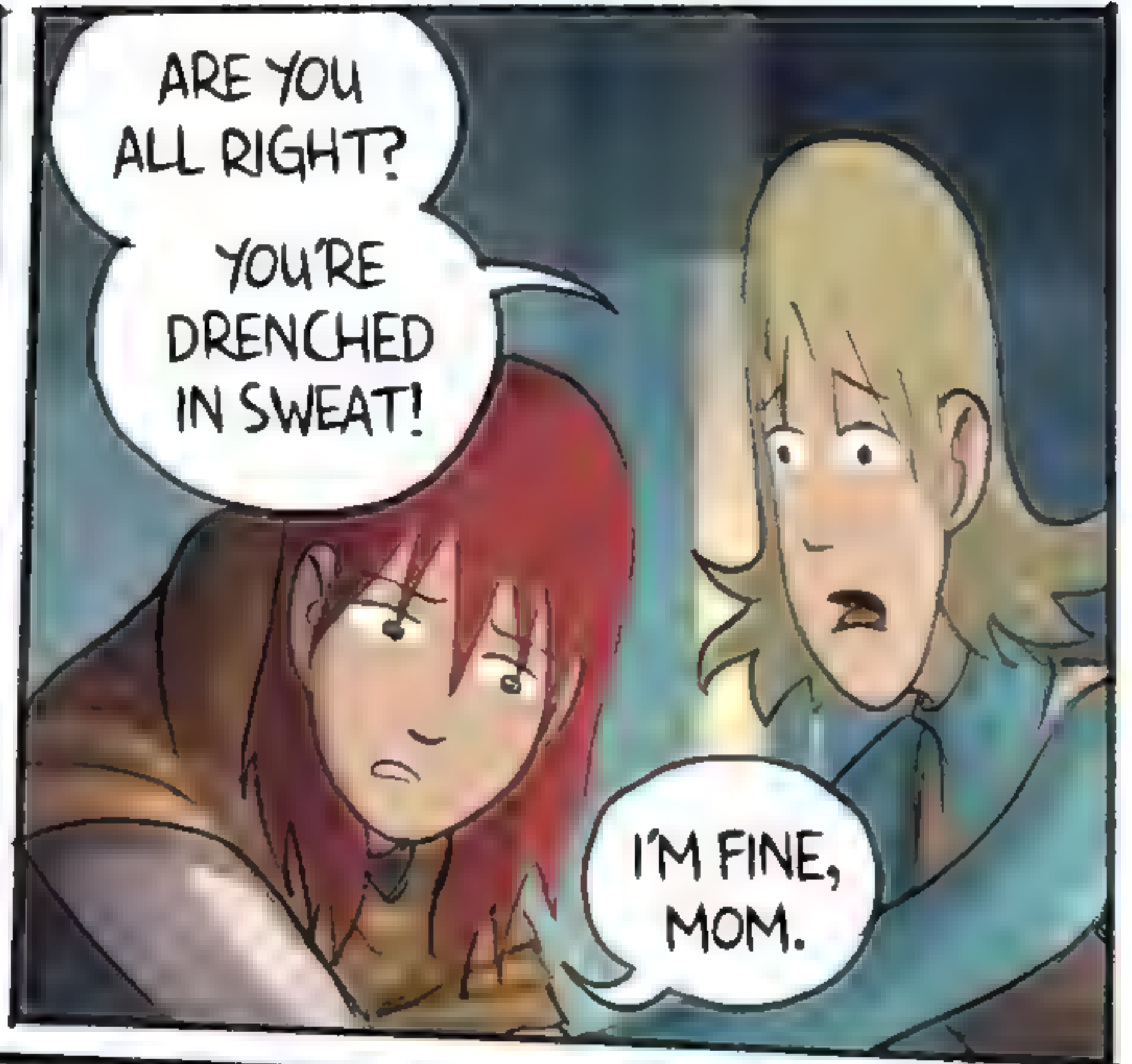


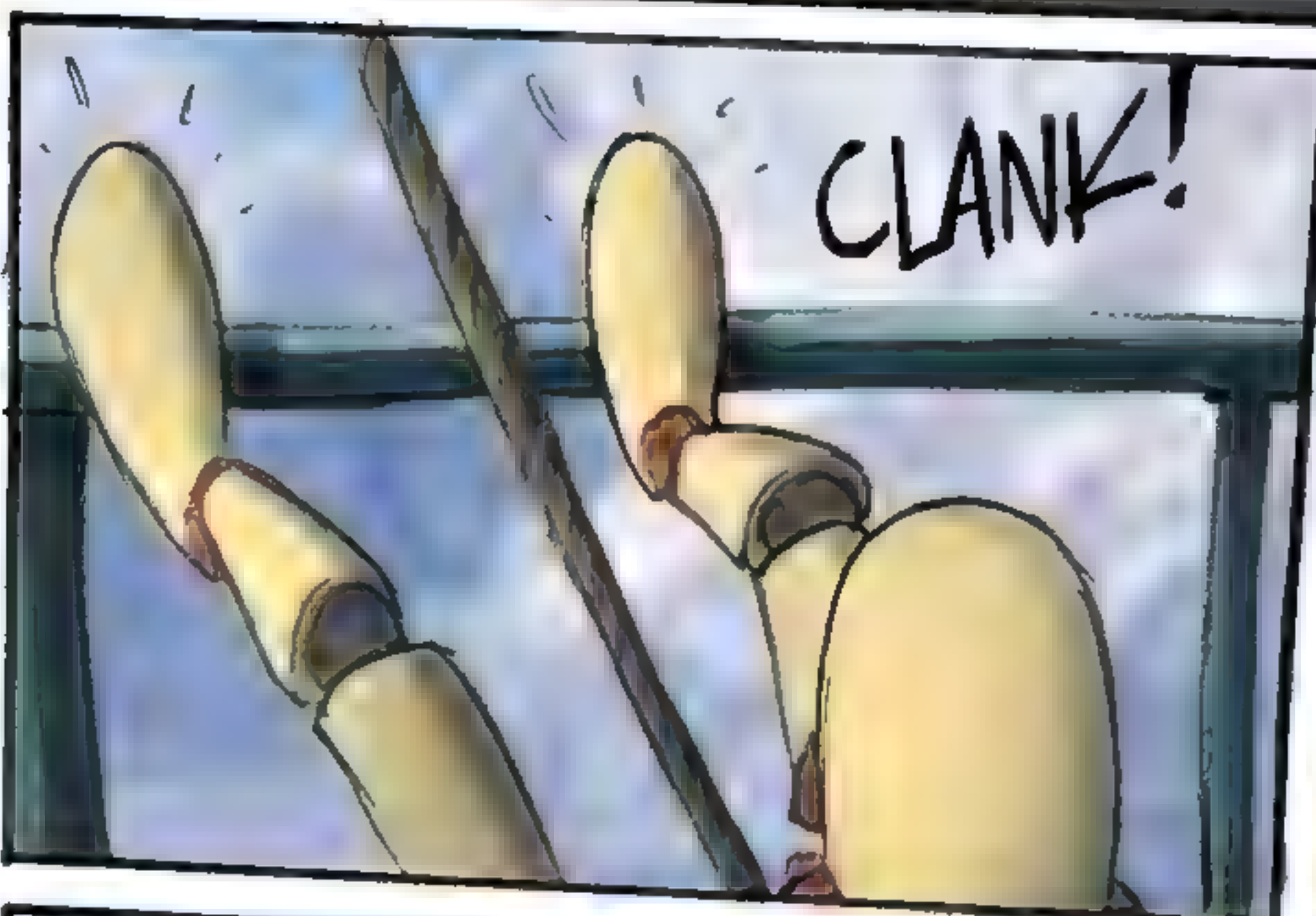
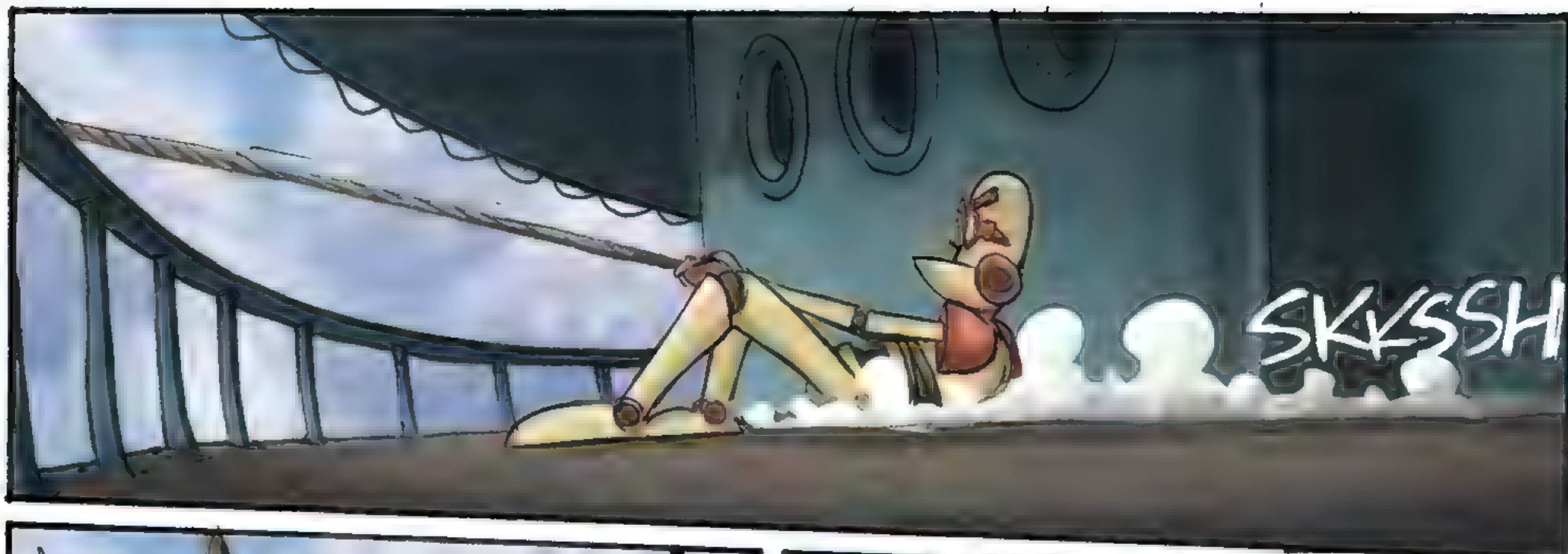


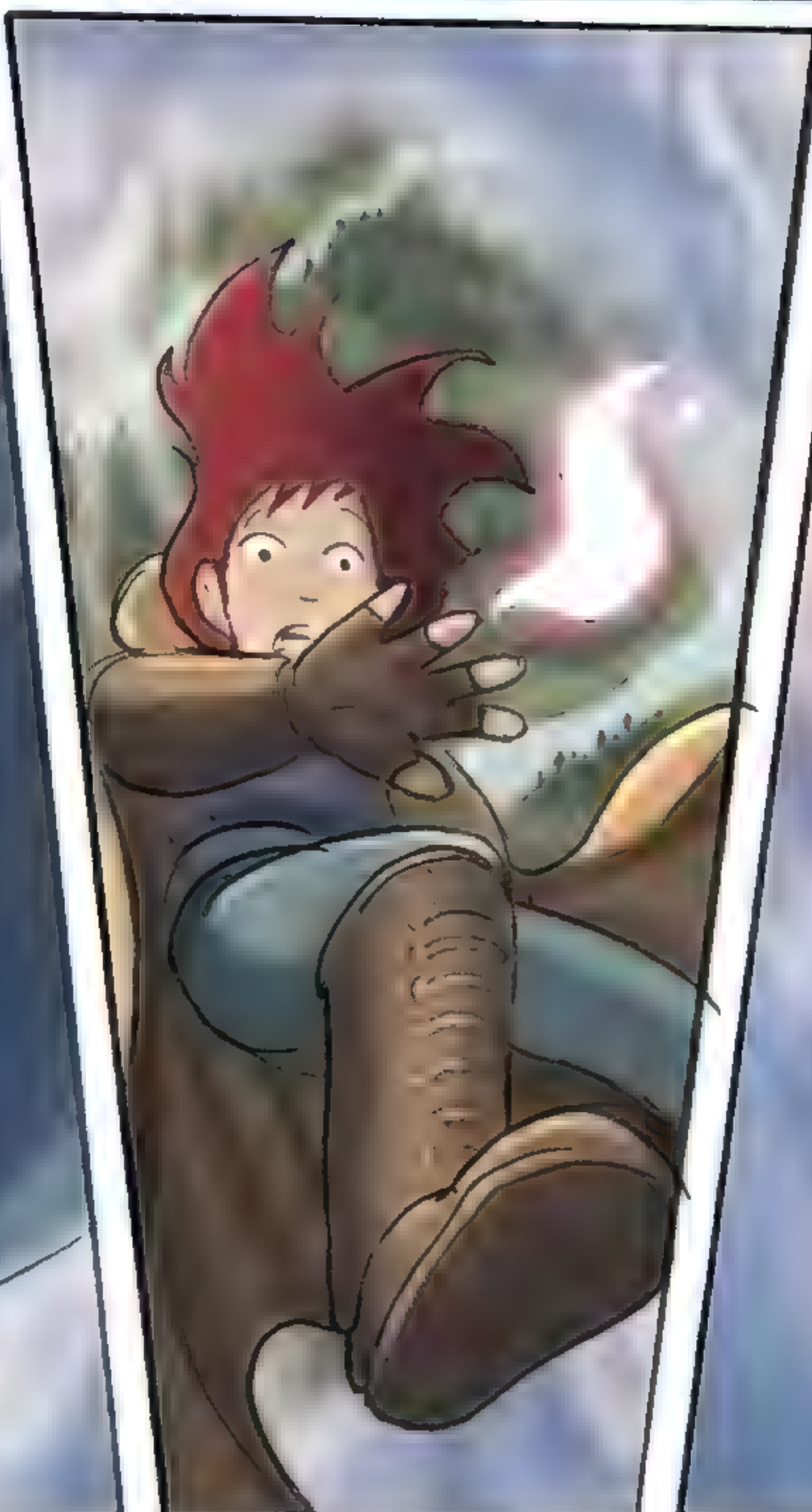


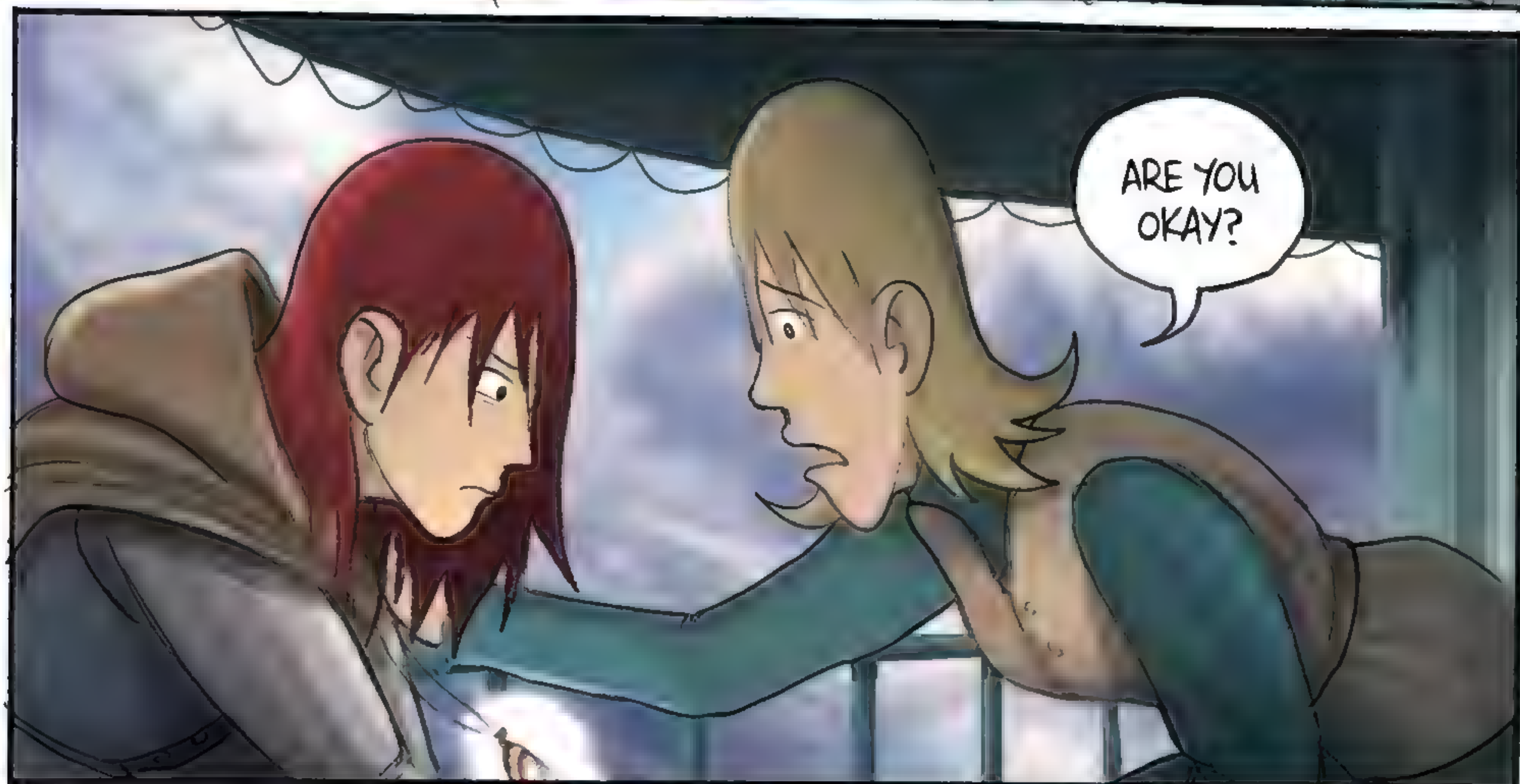


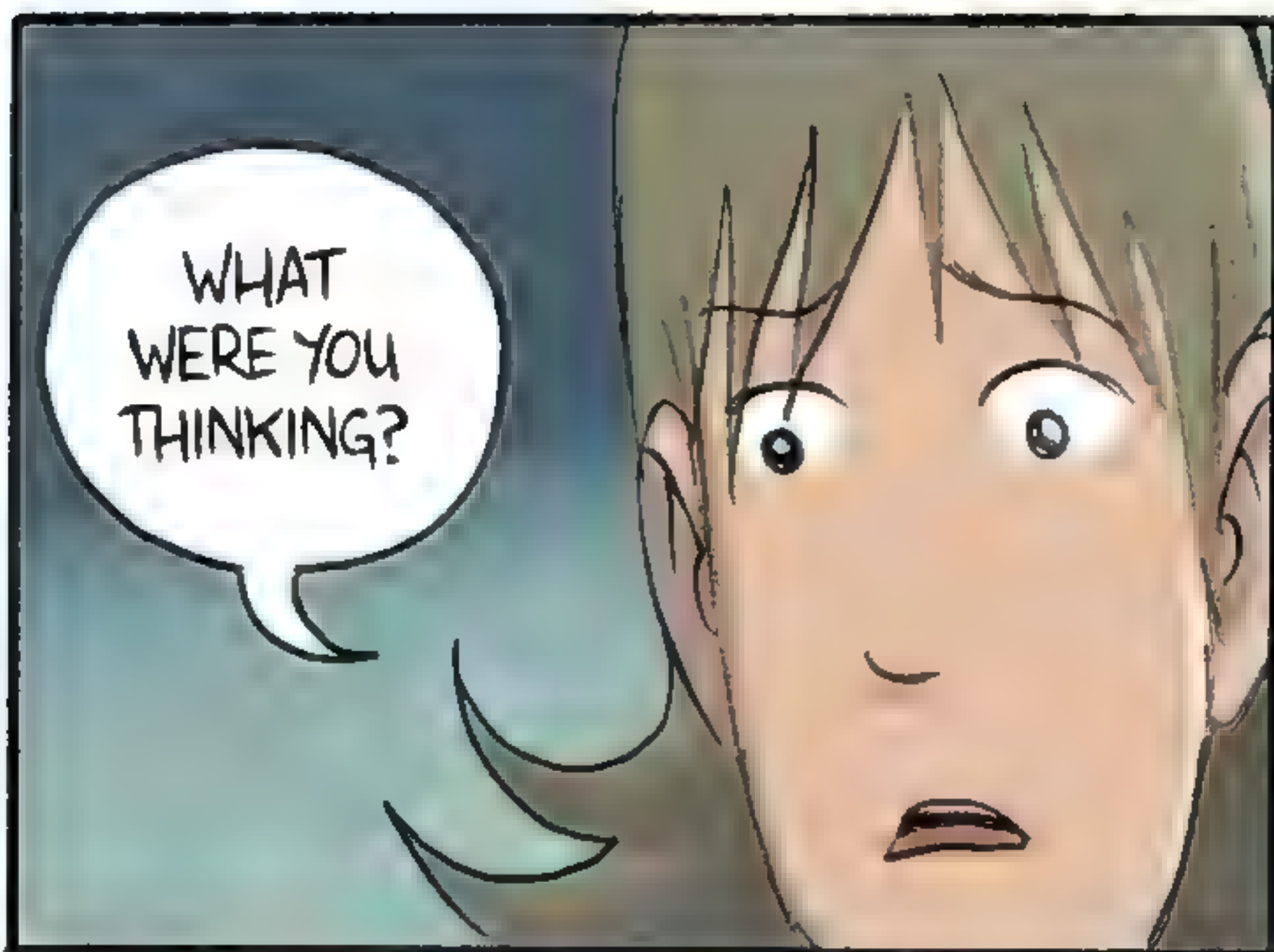


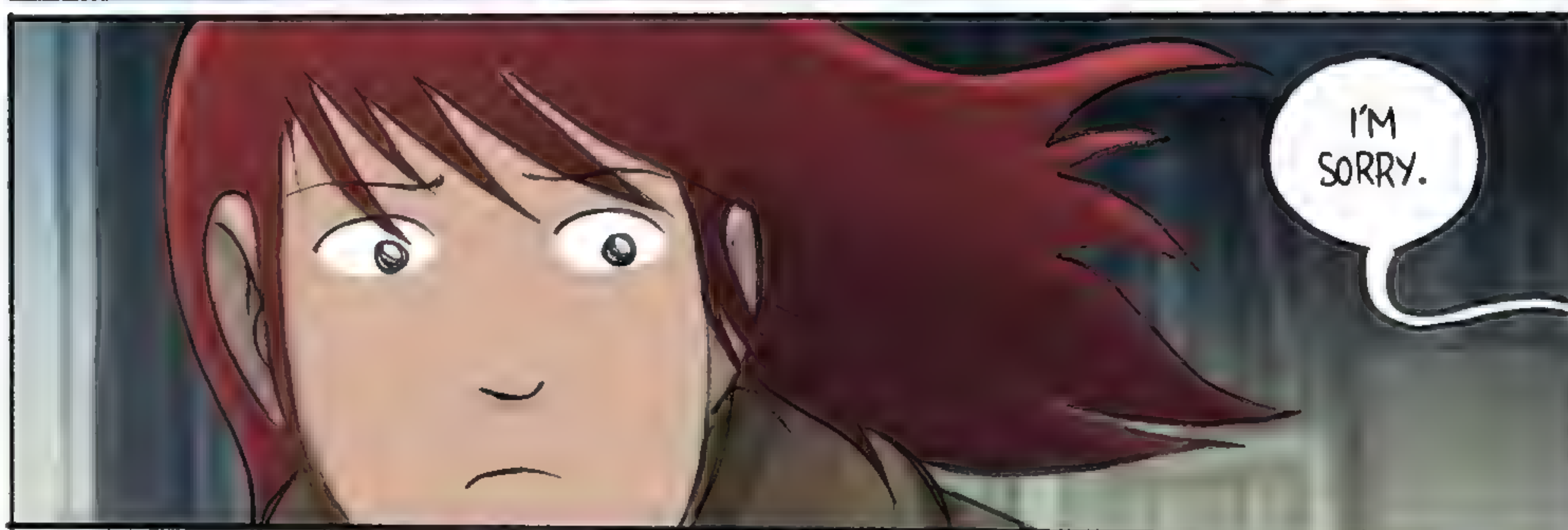


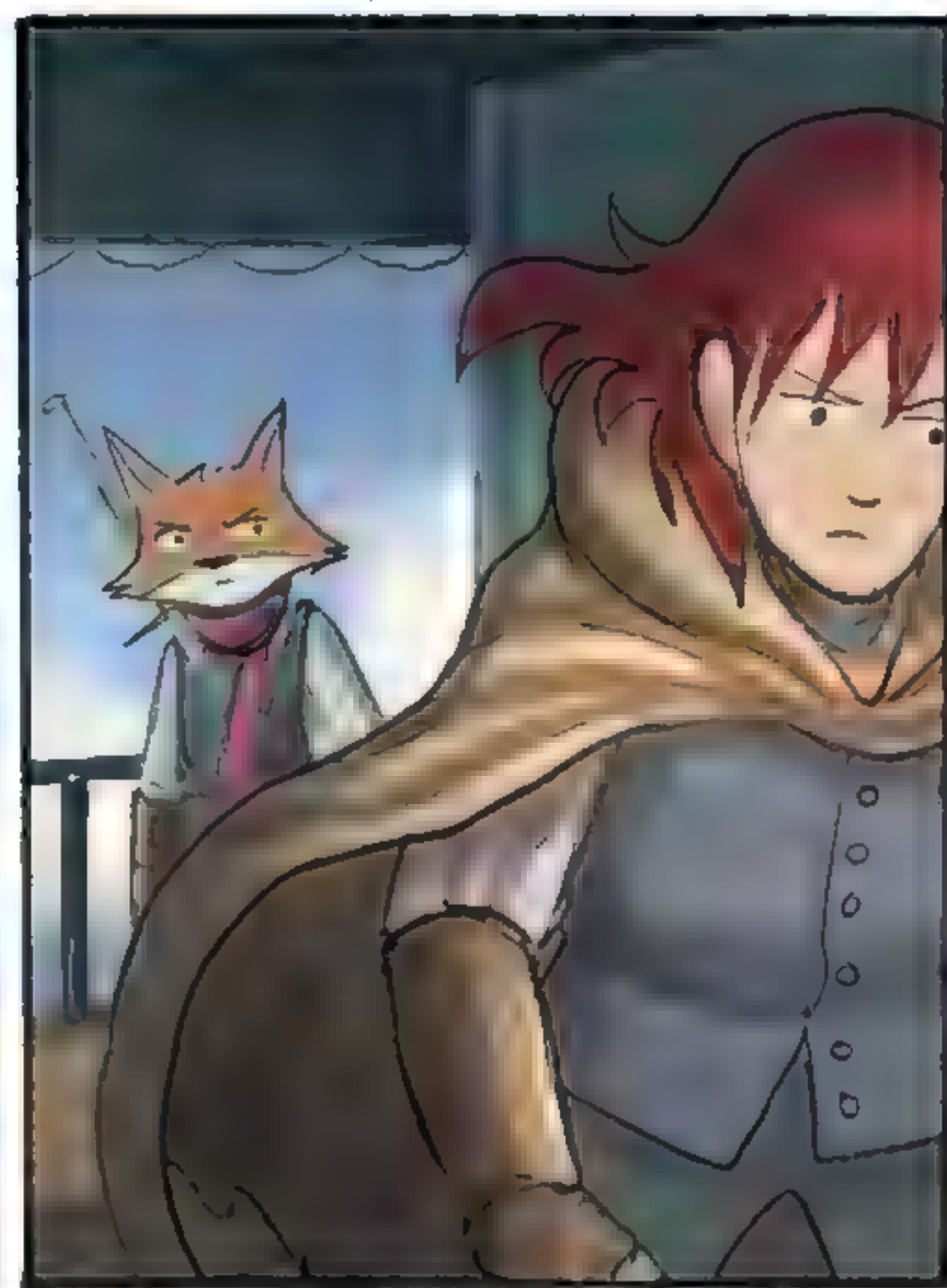














WE NEED TO
REFUEL SOON,
ENZO.

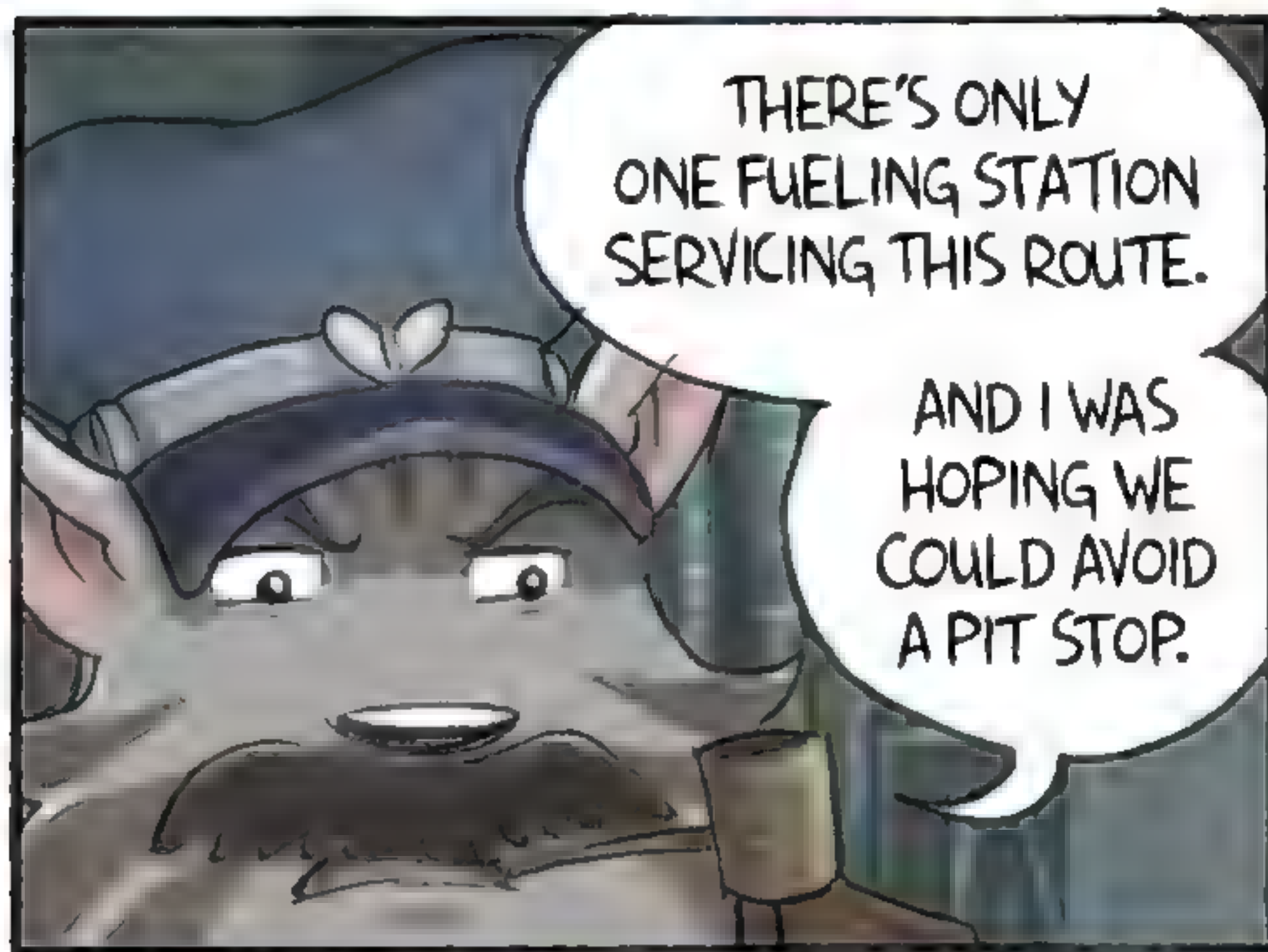


WE ALSO NEED
TO REPAIR THE
ENGINE.

※SIGH※



WHAT'S THE
MATTER?



THERE'S ONLY
ONE FUELING STATION
SERVICING THIS ROUTE.

AND I WAS
HOPING WE
COULD AVOID
A PIT STOP.



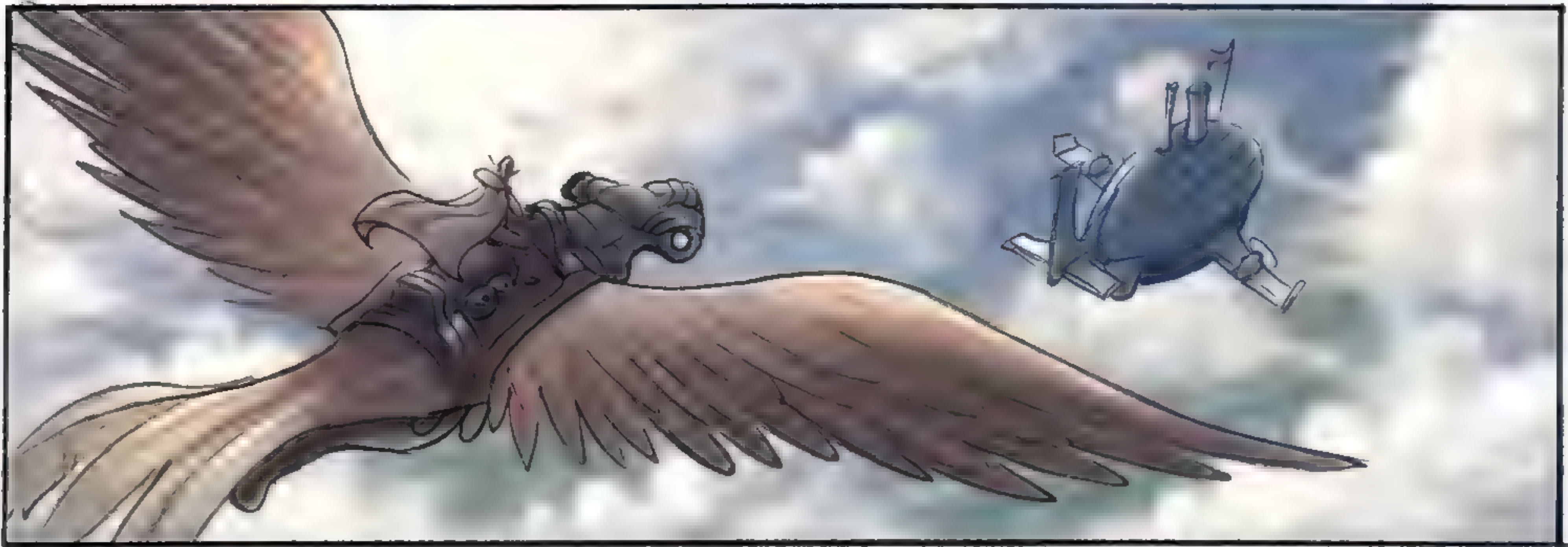
UH-OH.

ARE WE
WHERE I THINK
WE ARE?

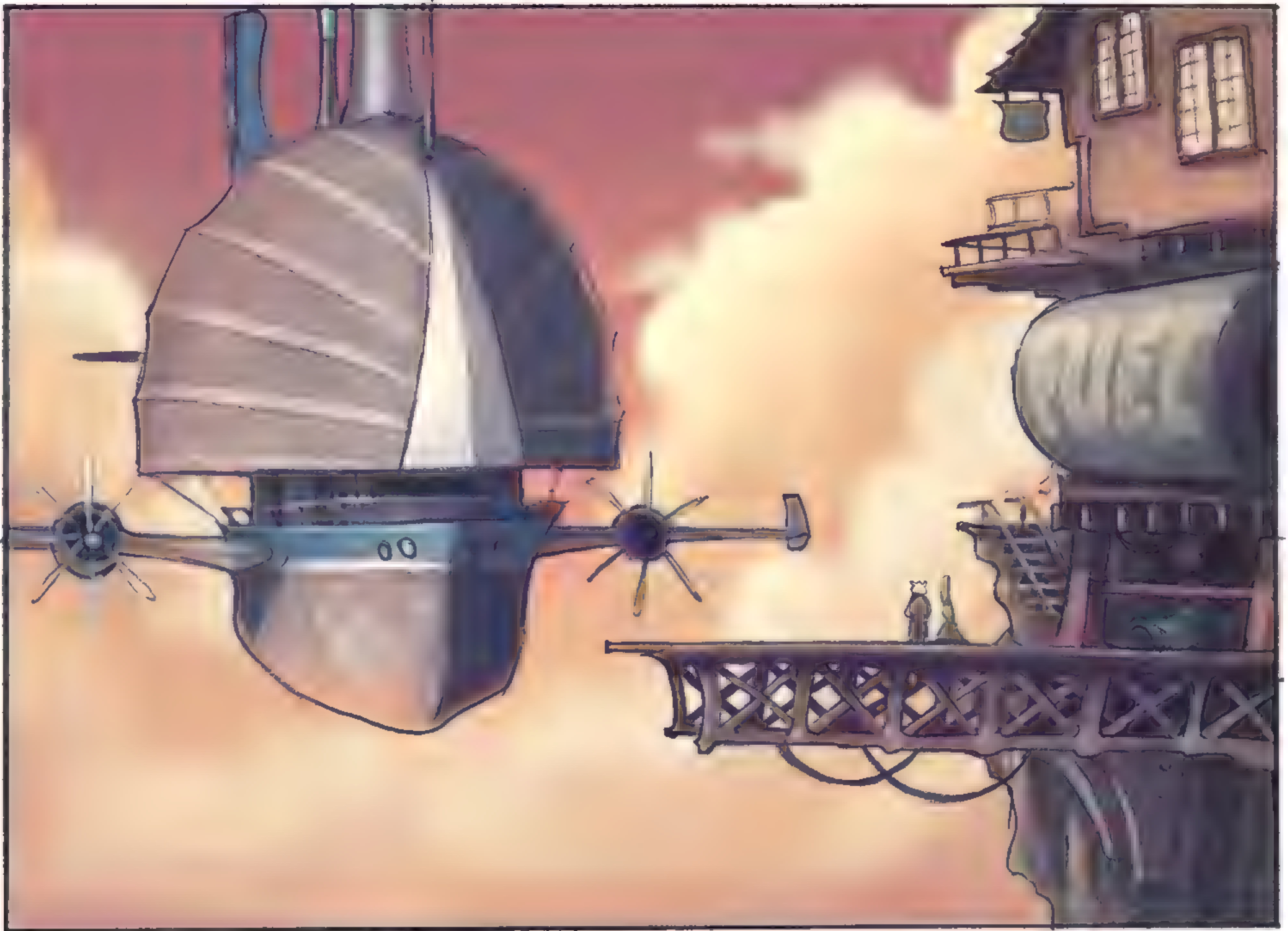
SHE'S THE
ONLY ONE
OUT HERE,
RICO.

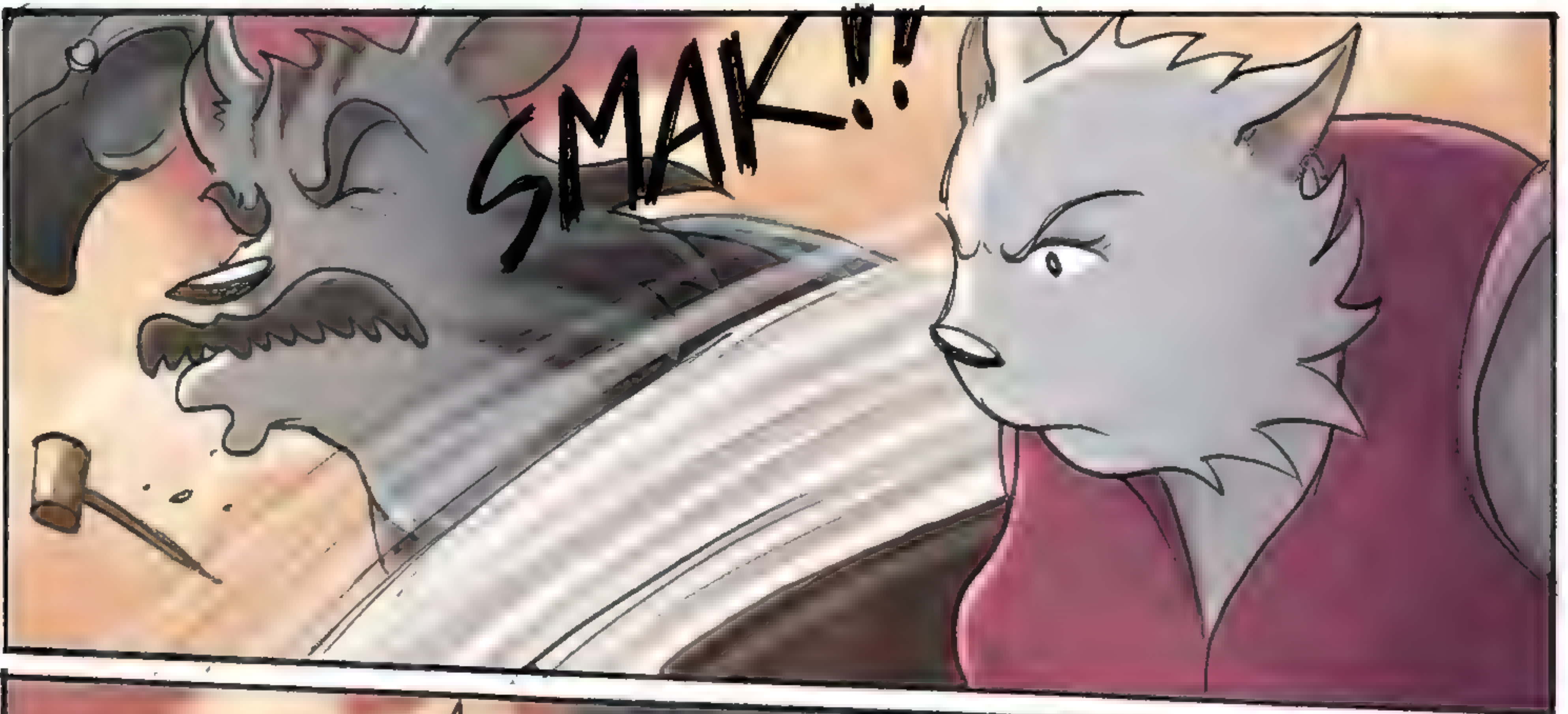


LET'S JUST
HOPE OLD WOUNDS
HEAL FAST.

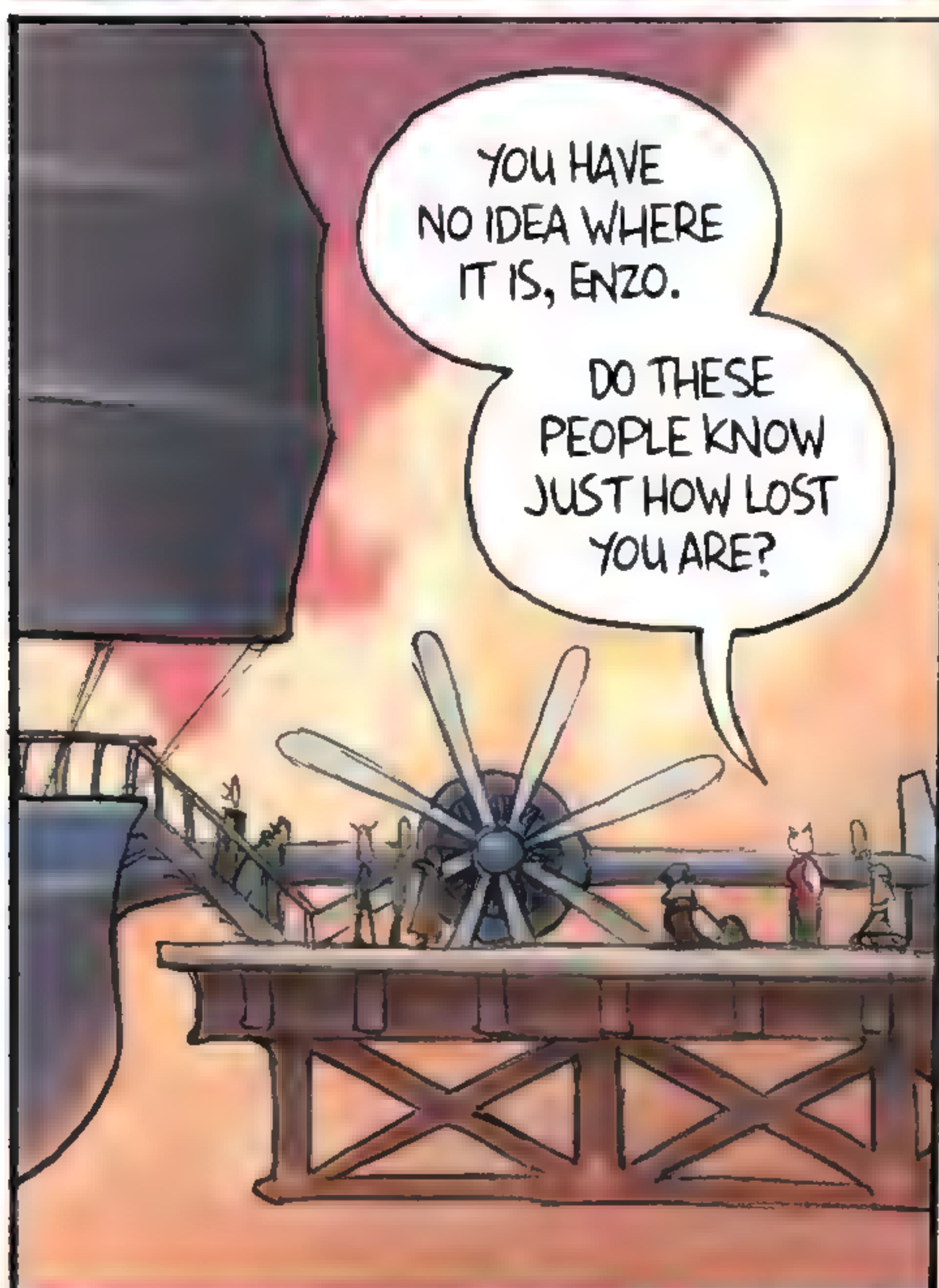










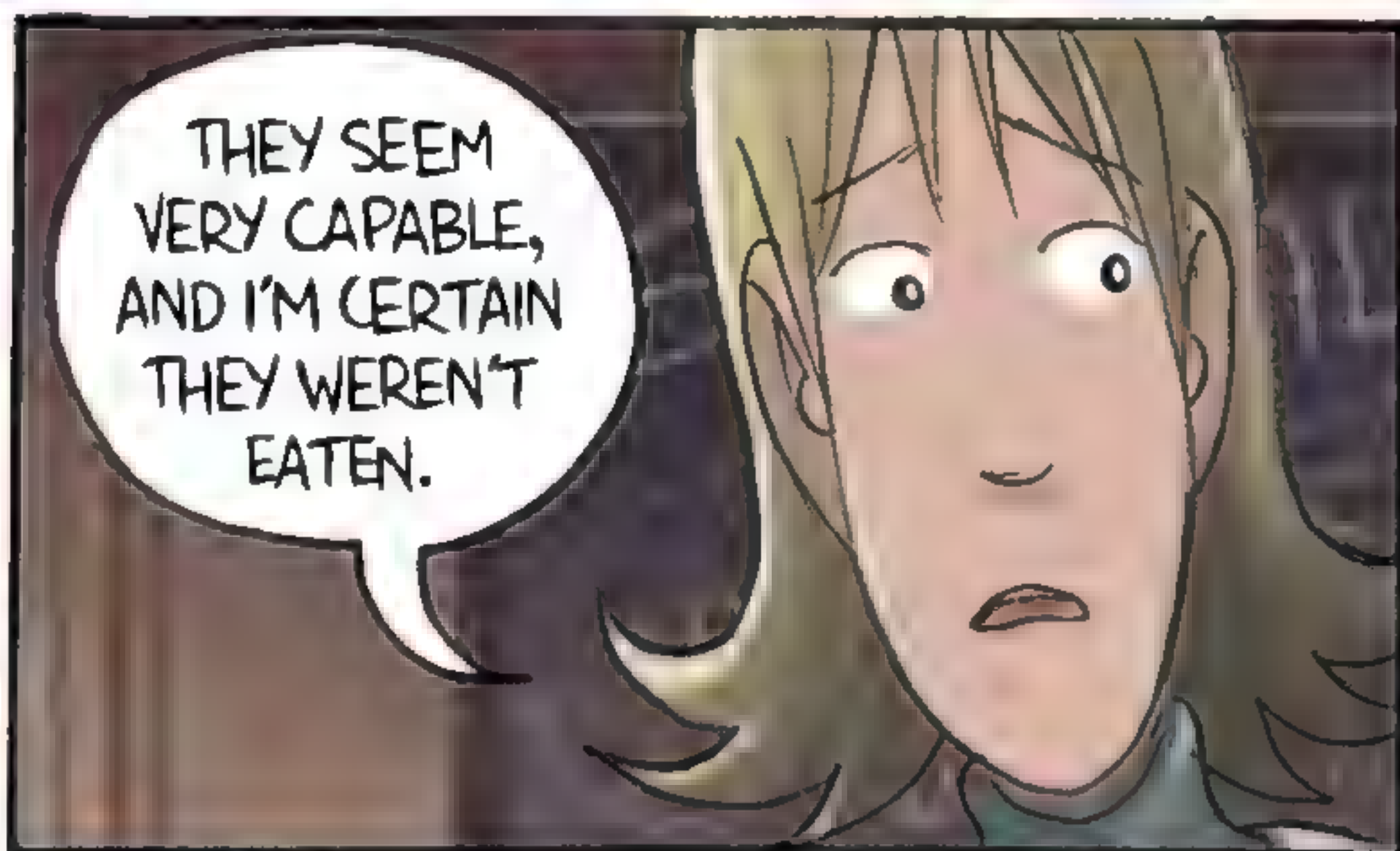




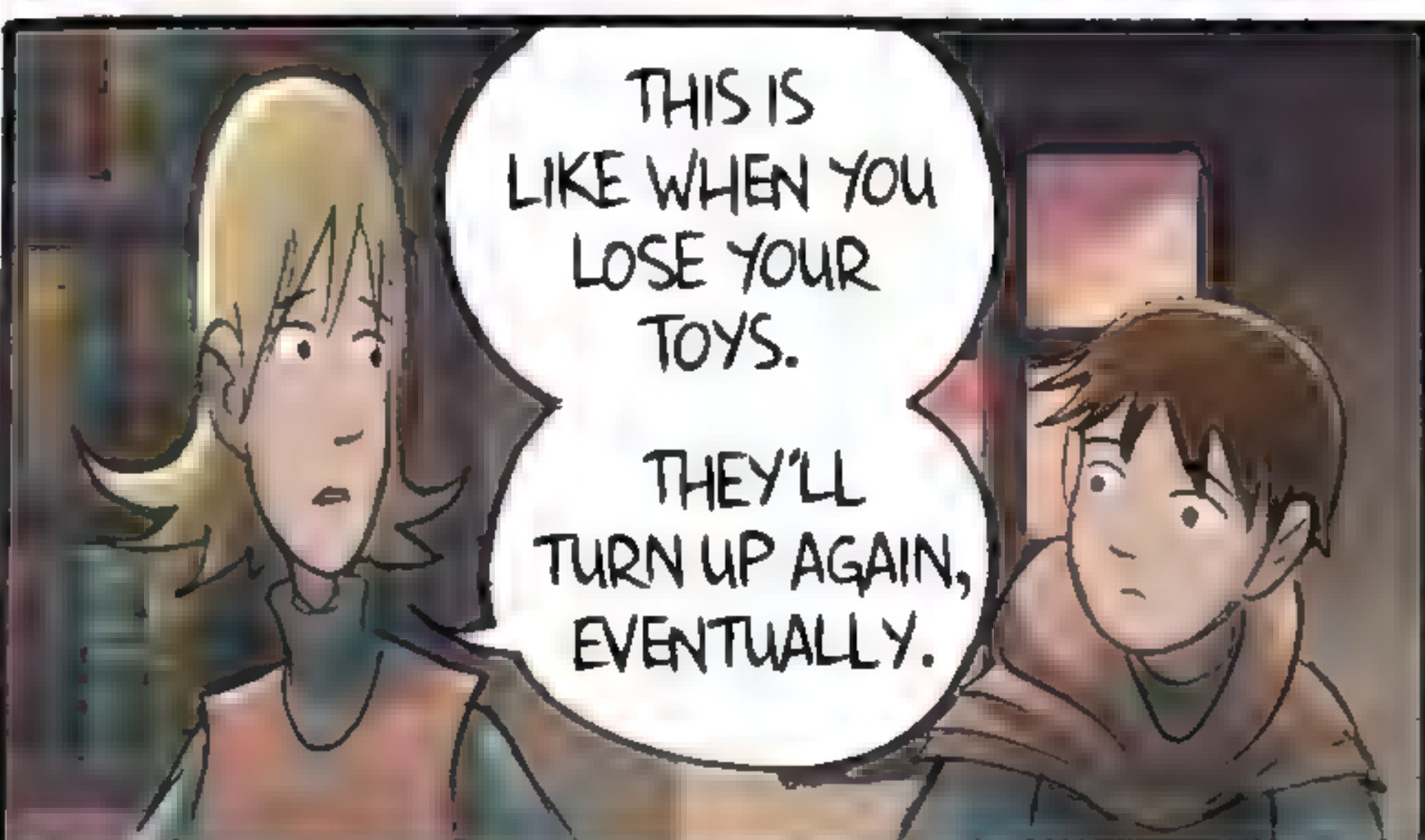


DON'T
WORRY,
NAVIN.

I'M SURE
THEY'RE
OKAY.

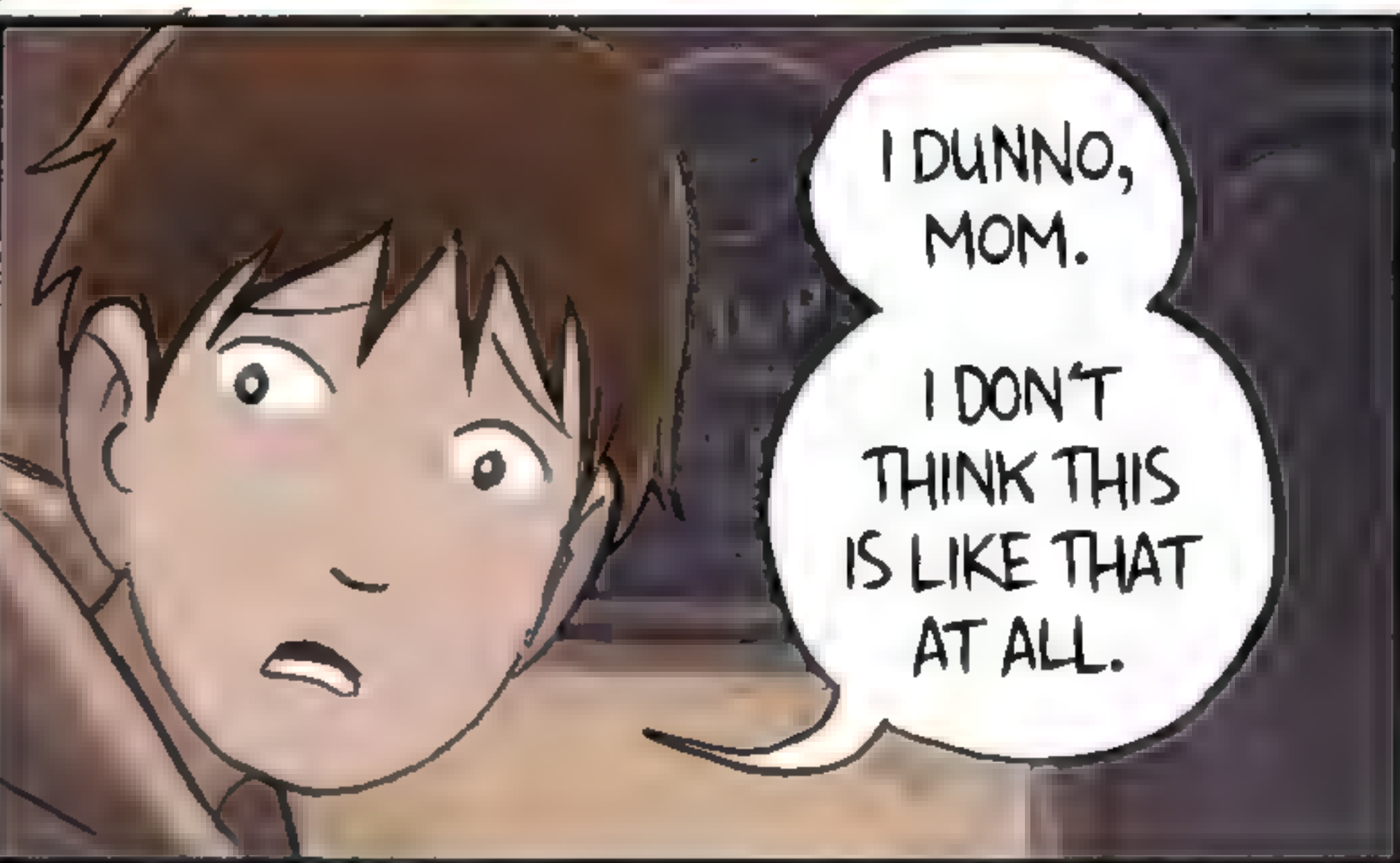


THEY SEEM
VERY CAPABLE,
AND I'M CERTAIN
THEY WEREN'T
EATEN.



THIS IS
LIKE WHEN YOU
LOSE YOUR
TOYS.

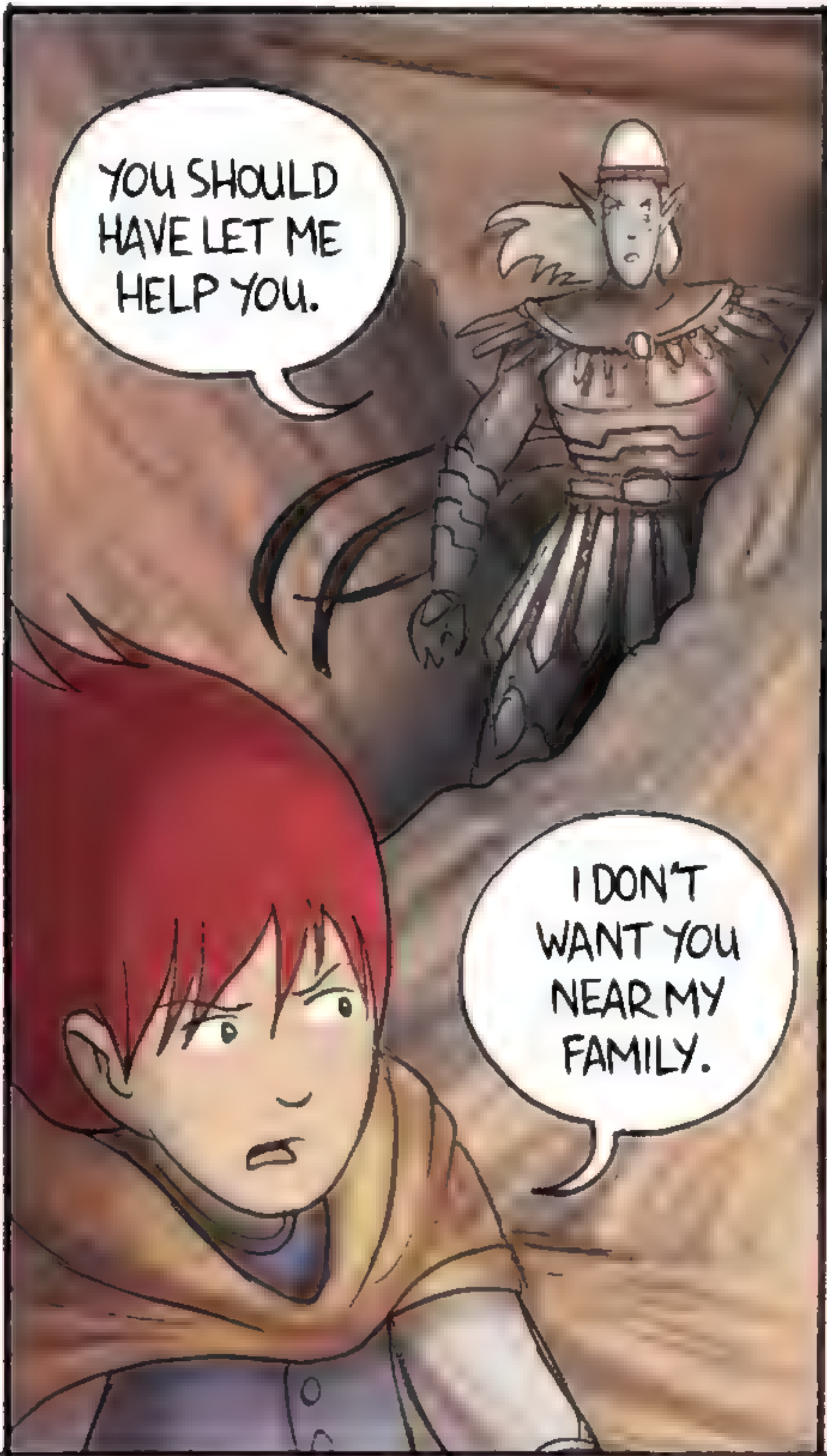
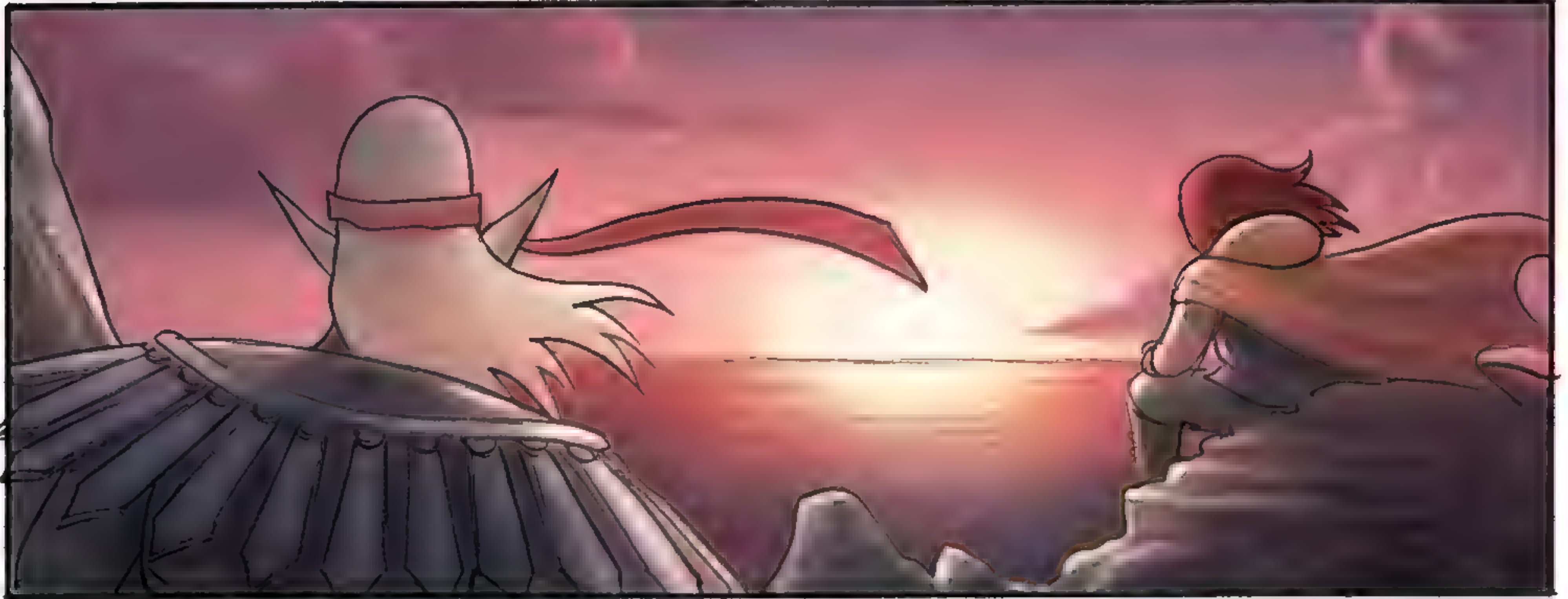
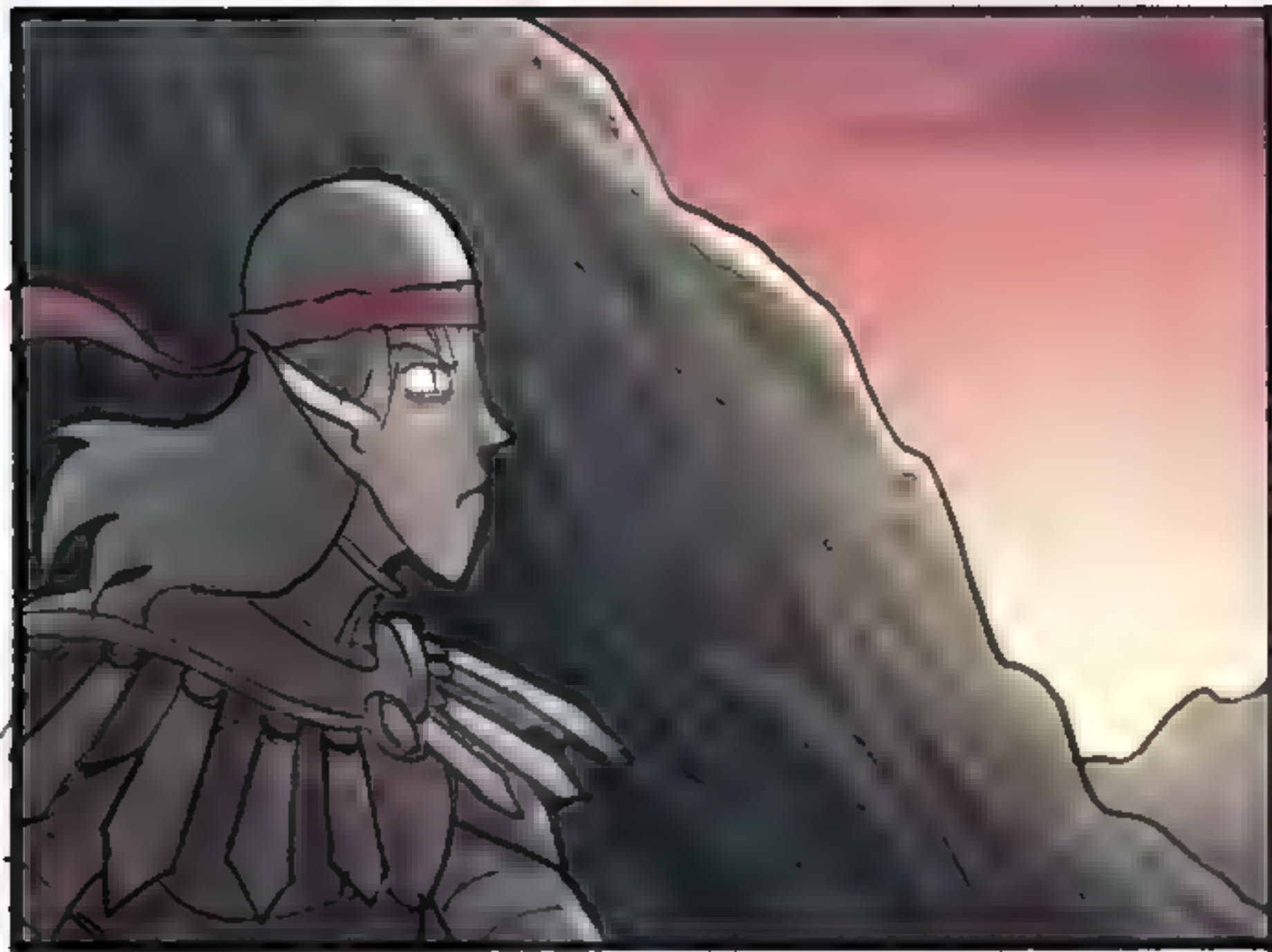
THEY'LL
TURN UP AGAIN,
EVENTUALLY.



I DUNNO,
MOM.

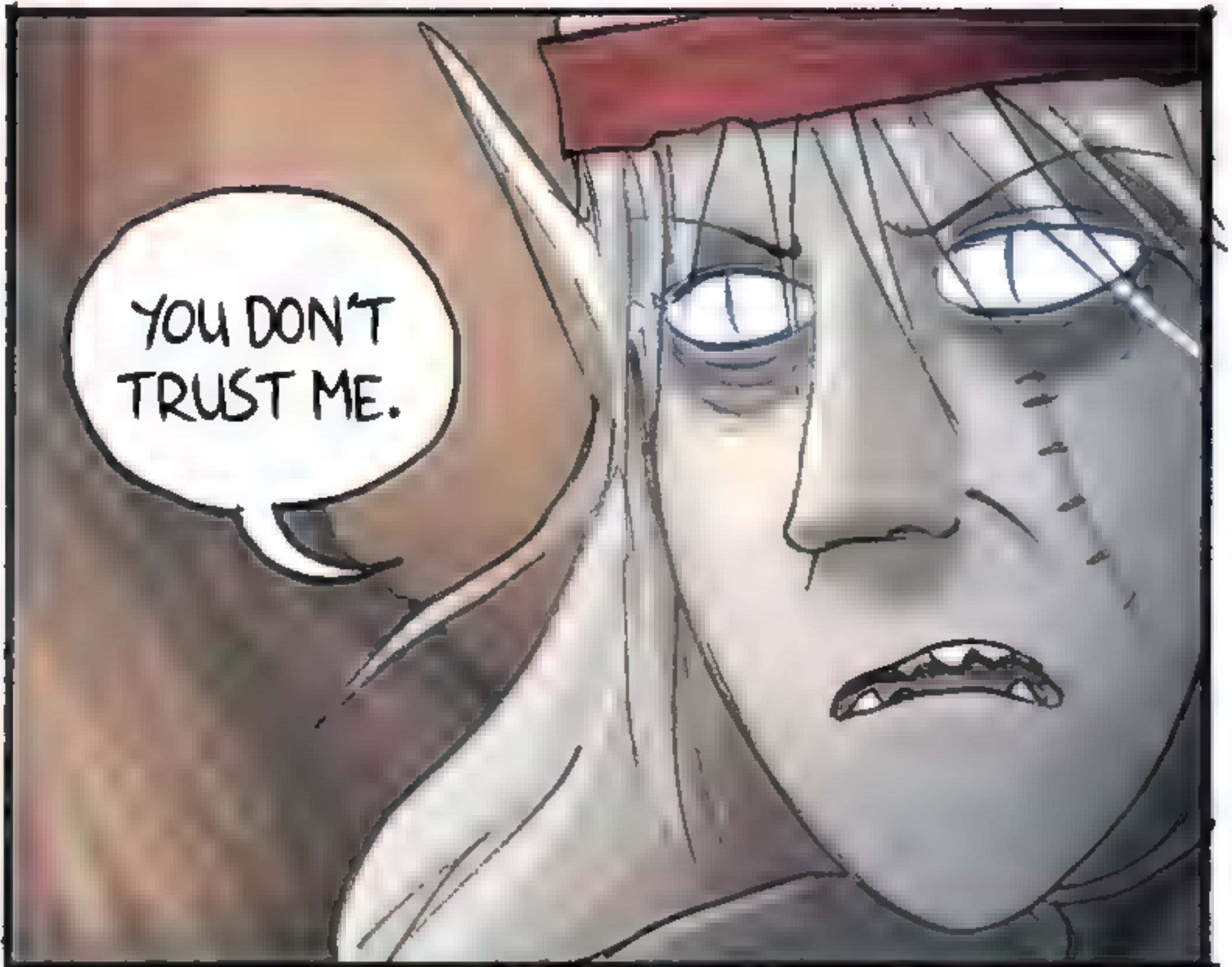
I DON'T
THINK THIS
IS LIKE THAT
AT ALL.



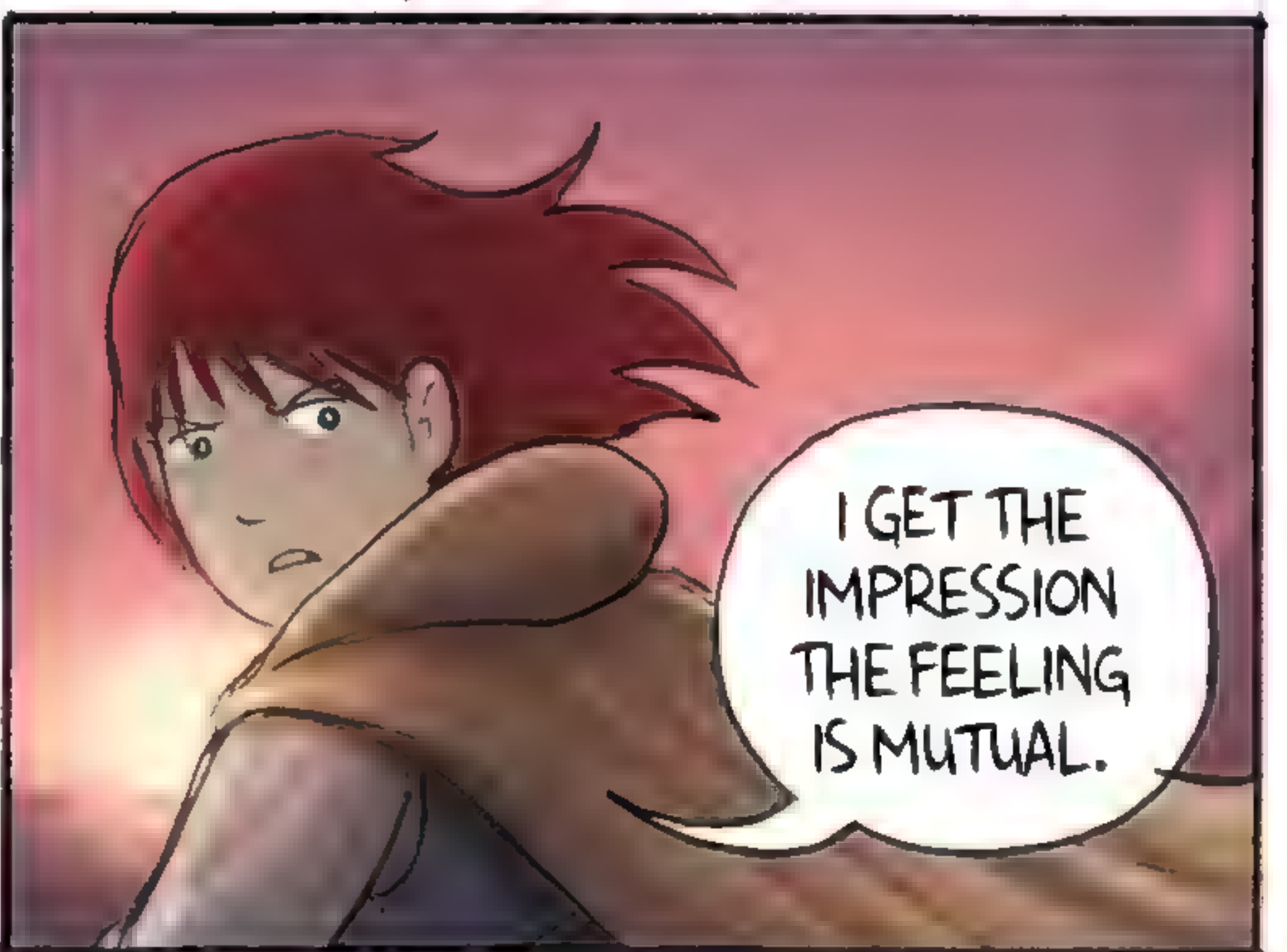


YOU SHOULD
HAVE LET ME
HELP YOU.

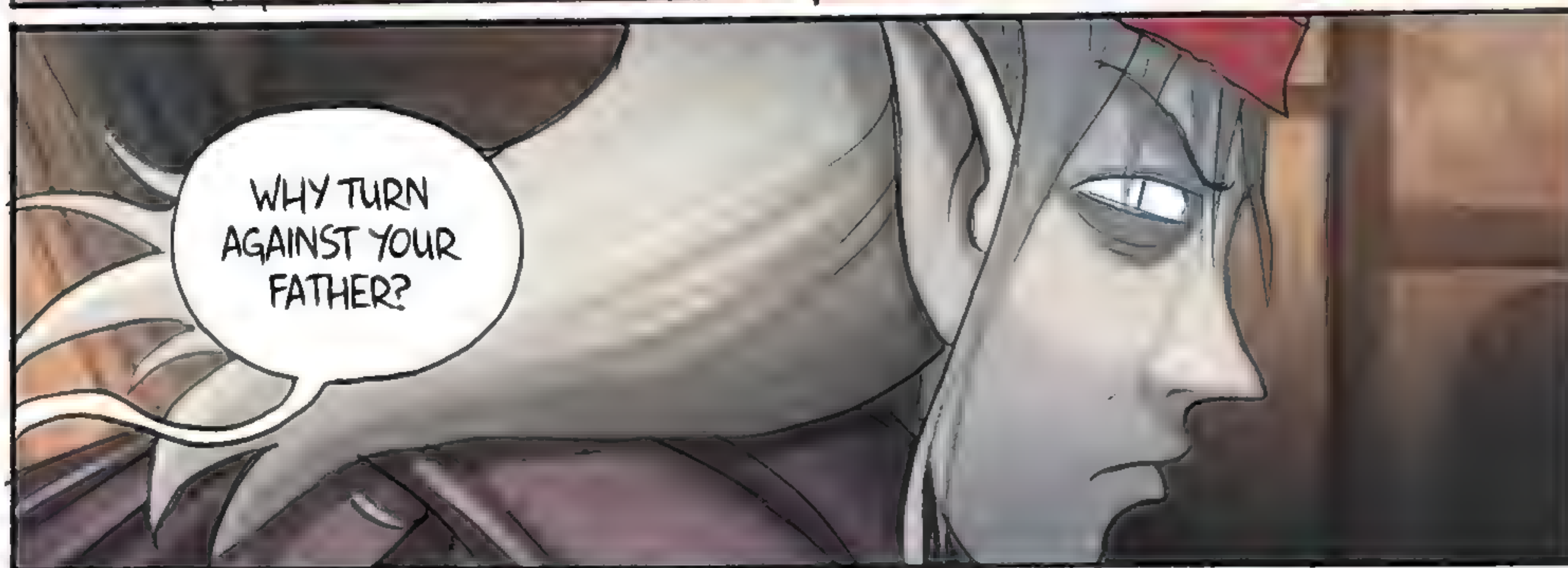
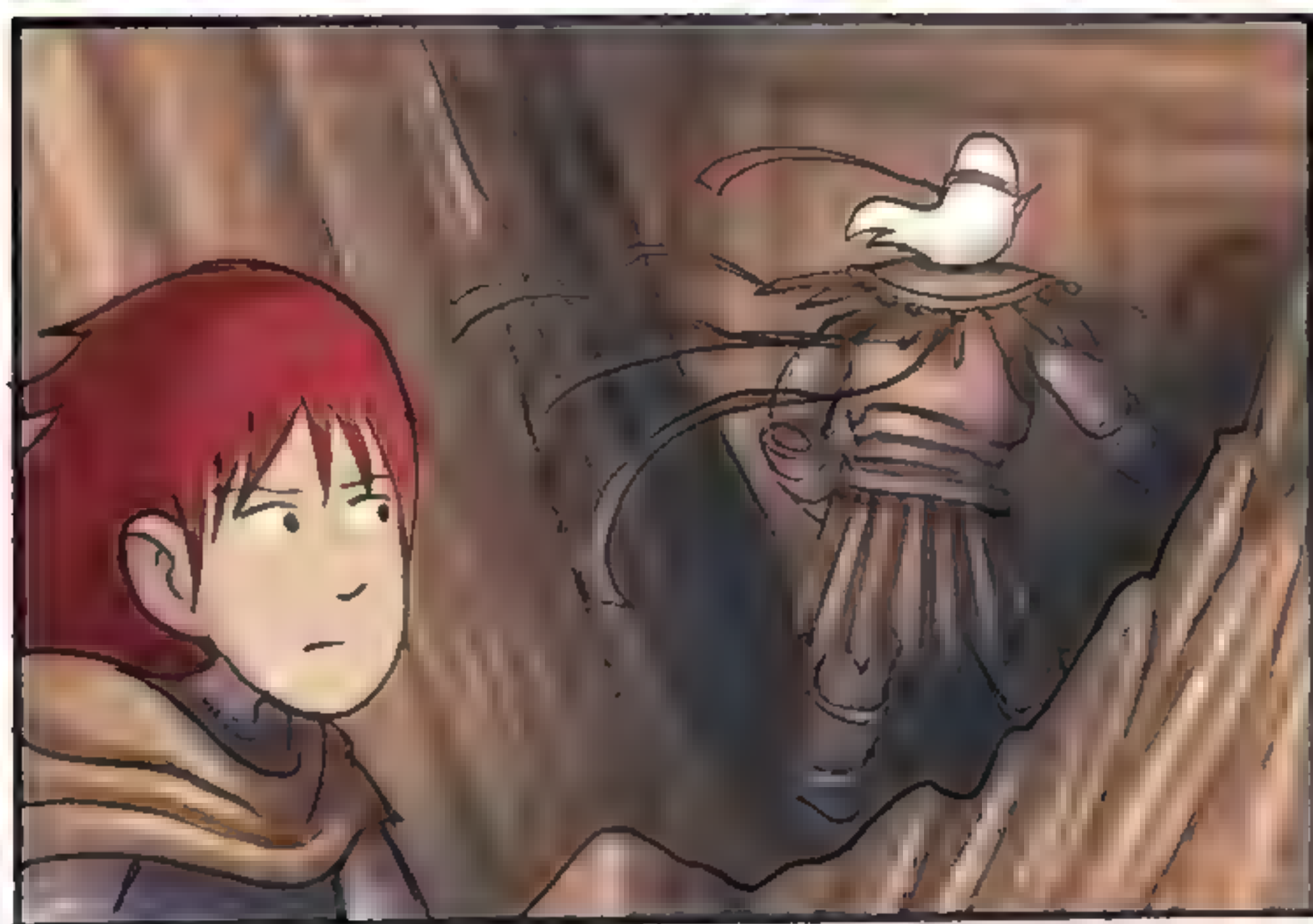
I DON'T
WANT YOU
NEAR MY
FAMILY.



YOU DON'T
TRUST ME.



I GET THE
IMPRESSION
THE FEELING
IS MUTUAL.





IT WAS SEEN
AS AN ACT OF
TREASON.

MY FATHER WAS LOOKING
FOR A YOUNG STONEKEEPER
TO TAKE MY PLACE AS HIS
SUCCESSOR, AND I WANTED
TO STOP HIM.

I WANTED TO USE
YOU AGAINST HIM,
BUT I FAILED.





HE WANTED
ME TO BE HIS
SUCCESSOR?



BEING JEALOUS,
I ASSUMED THAT
WAS HIS WISH.



BUT I'M AFRAID
THE TRUTH IS
FAR MORE
SINISTER.

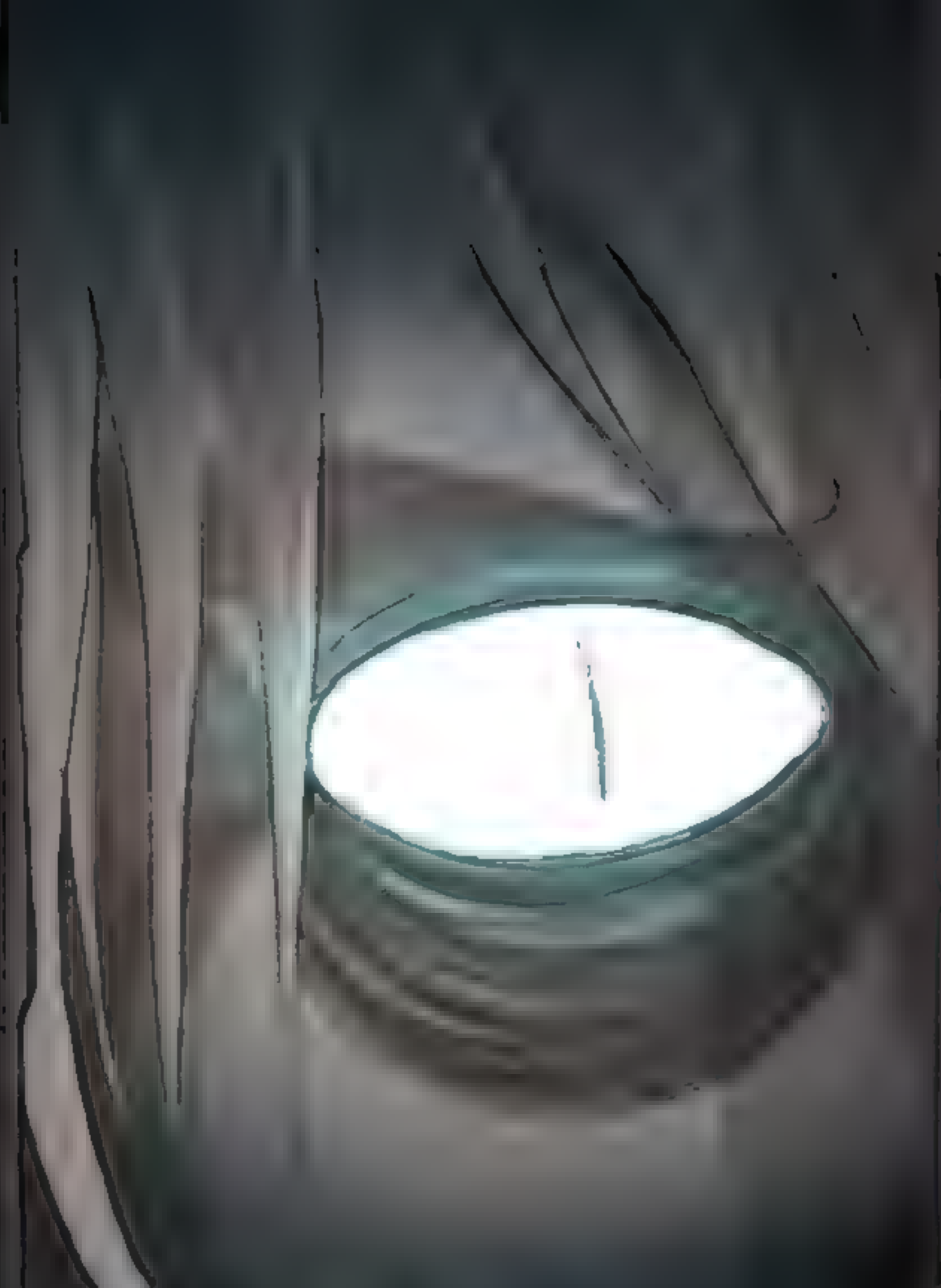
FOR THE PAST SEVERAL
YEARS, I HAVE HAD TROUBLE
REMEMBERING THINGS. THE
KINDS OF THINGS ONE
DOESN'T FORGET.

MUCH OF MY CHILDHOOD
AND EARLY LIFE WERE A BLANK
SLATE, AND I SUSPECTED MY
FATHER HAD SOMETHING TO
DO WITH IT.




STRANGELY ENOUGH,
ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING
IMAGES IN MY MEMORY WAS
THAT OF MY FATHER'S FACE.
IT WAS THE ONLY THING I
SAW CLEARLY, AS IF I HAD
DECIDED IT WAS THE ONLY
MEMORY WORTH KEEPING.

I WANTED TO SEE HIM
AGAIN, TO CATCH A GLIMPSE
OF HIS FACE BEHIND THE MASK,
WITH THE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT
HELP BRING BACK MORE
MEMORIES.



UNDER THE COVER OF
NIGHT, I SNUCK INTO HIS
TOWER AND BEDROOM
CHAMBER.

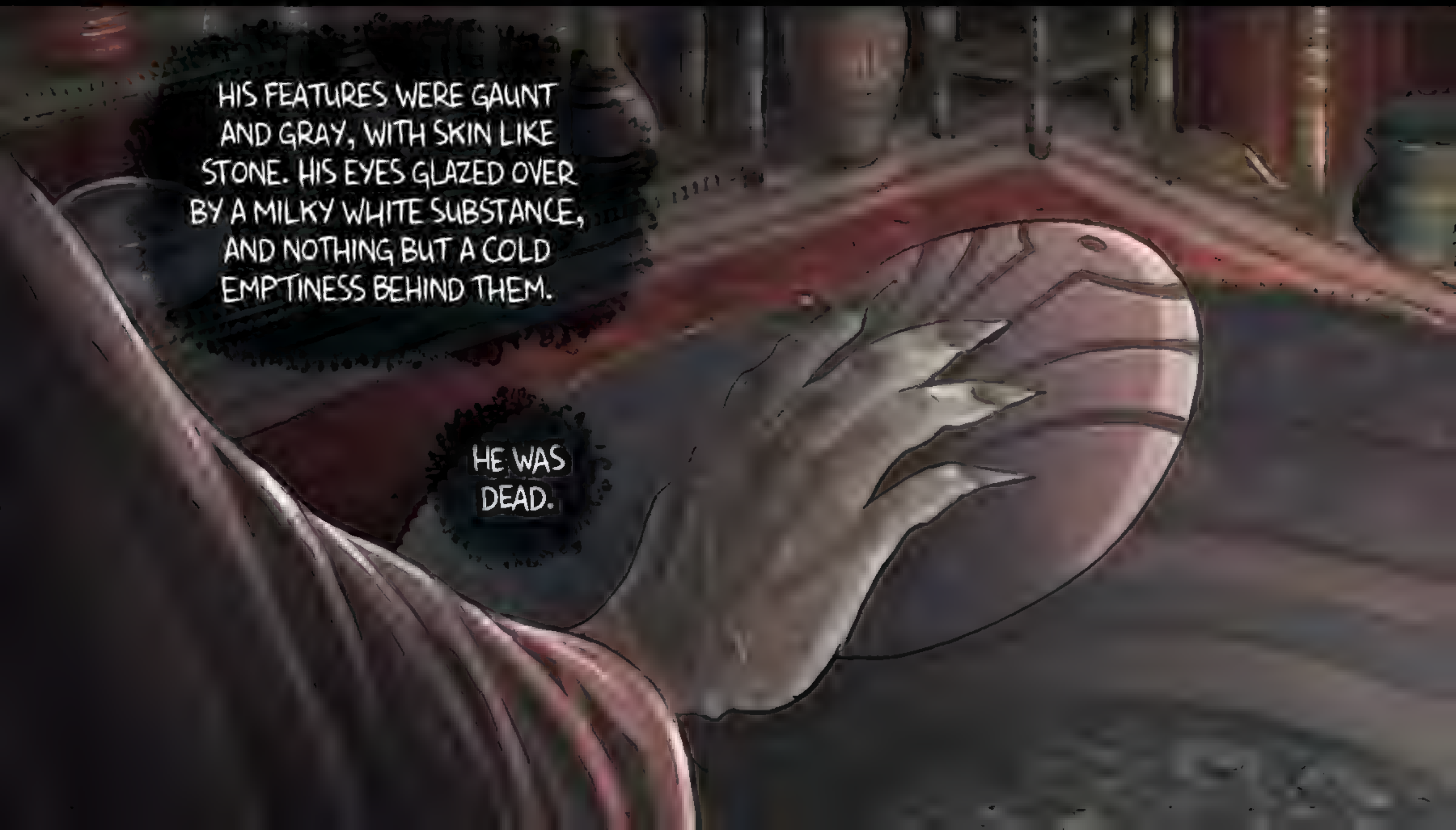
AND WHAT I SAW
I WILL NEVER FORGET.



BEHIND THE MASK
WAS MY FATHER'S
FACE, JUST AS I HAD
REMEMBERED IT.

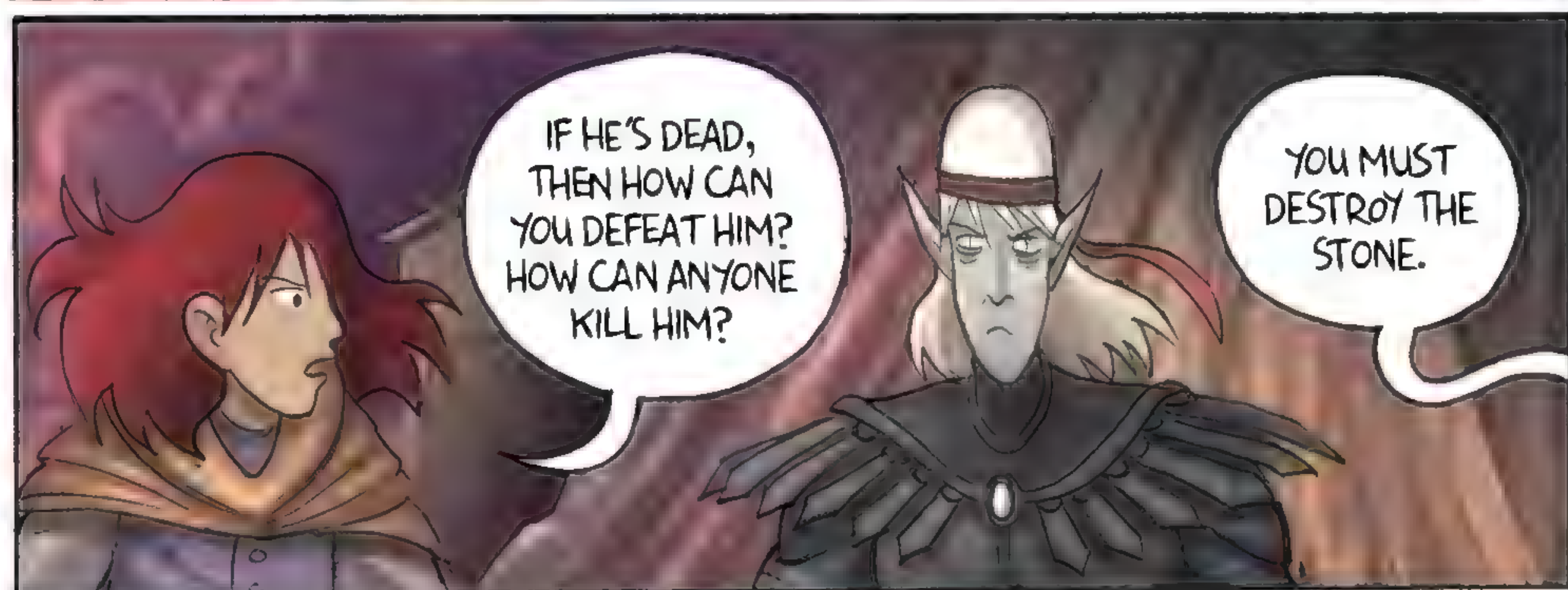
BUT JUST AS MY
MEMORY WAS FROZEN
IN TIME, THE FACE BEFORE
ME WAS FROZEN AS WELL.

SOMETHING
WAS WRONG.

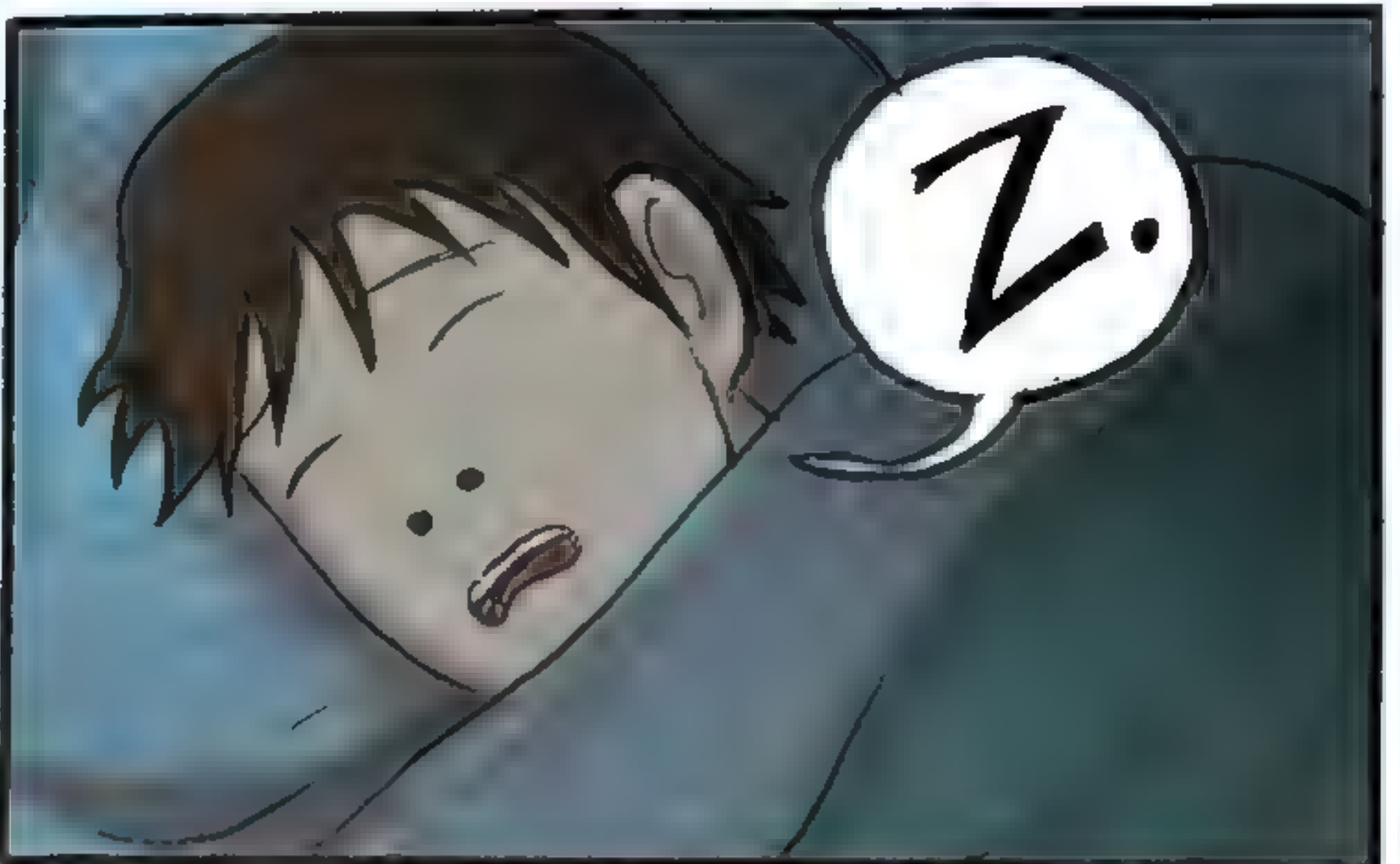


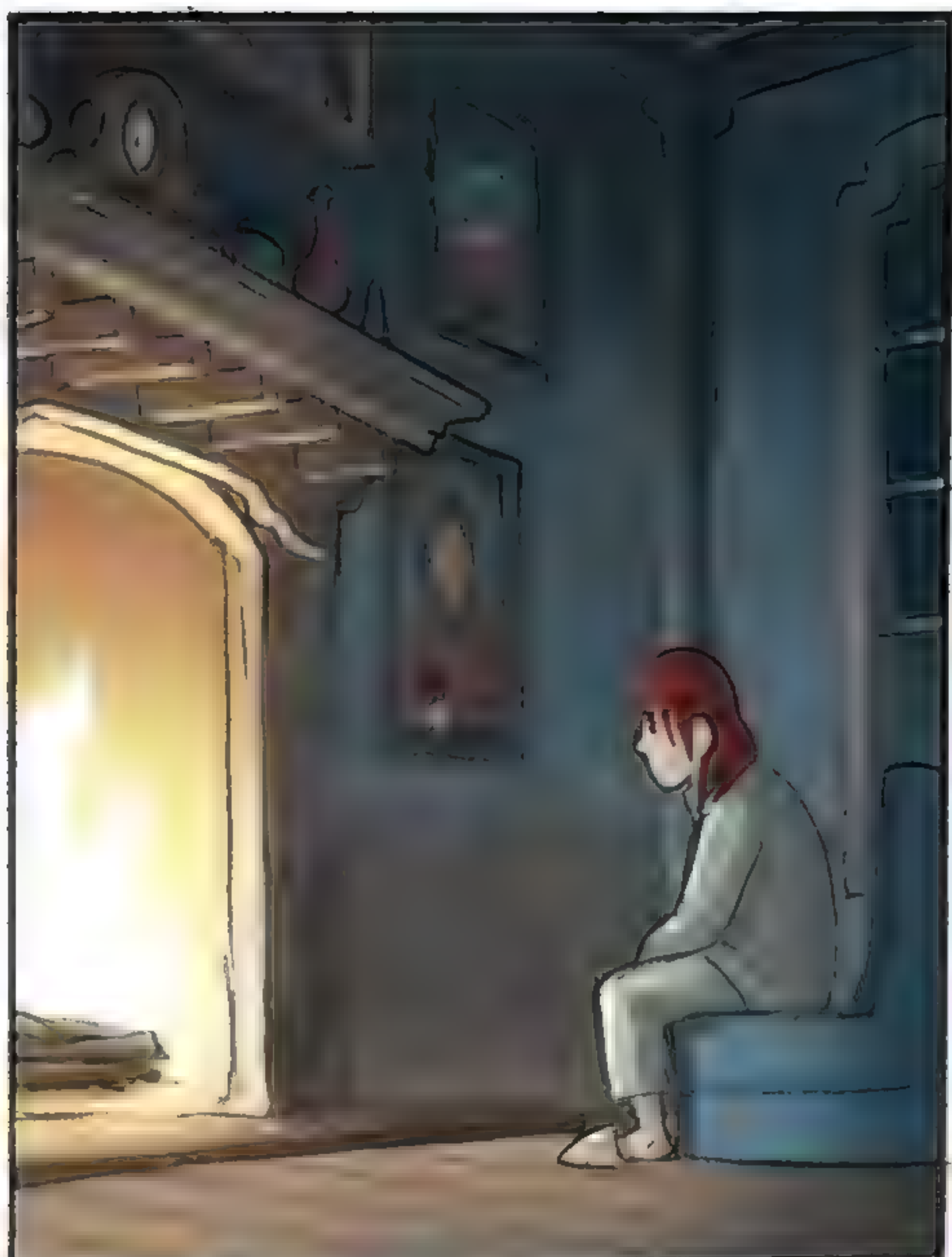
HIS FEATURES WERE GAUNT
AND GRAY, WITH SKIN LIKE
STONE. HIS EYES GLAZED OVER
BY A MILKY WHITE SUBSTANCE,
AND NOTHING BUT A COLD
EMPTINESS BEHIND THEM.

HE WAS
DEAD.











I JUST
HAD A BAD
DREAM.

EXCEPT I'M
NOT SURE IT
WAS JUST A
DREAM.



I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT YOU
MEAN.

YOU DO?



WHEN YOUR
FATHER PASSED
AWAY, I FELT
PRETTY MUCH
LIKE YOU DO
NOW.

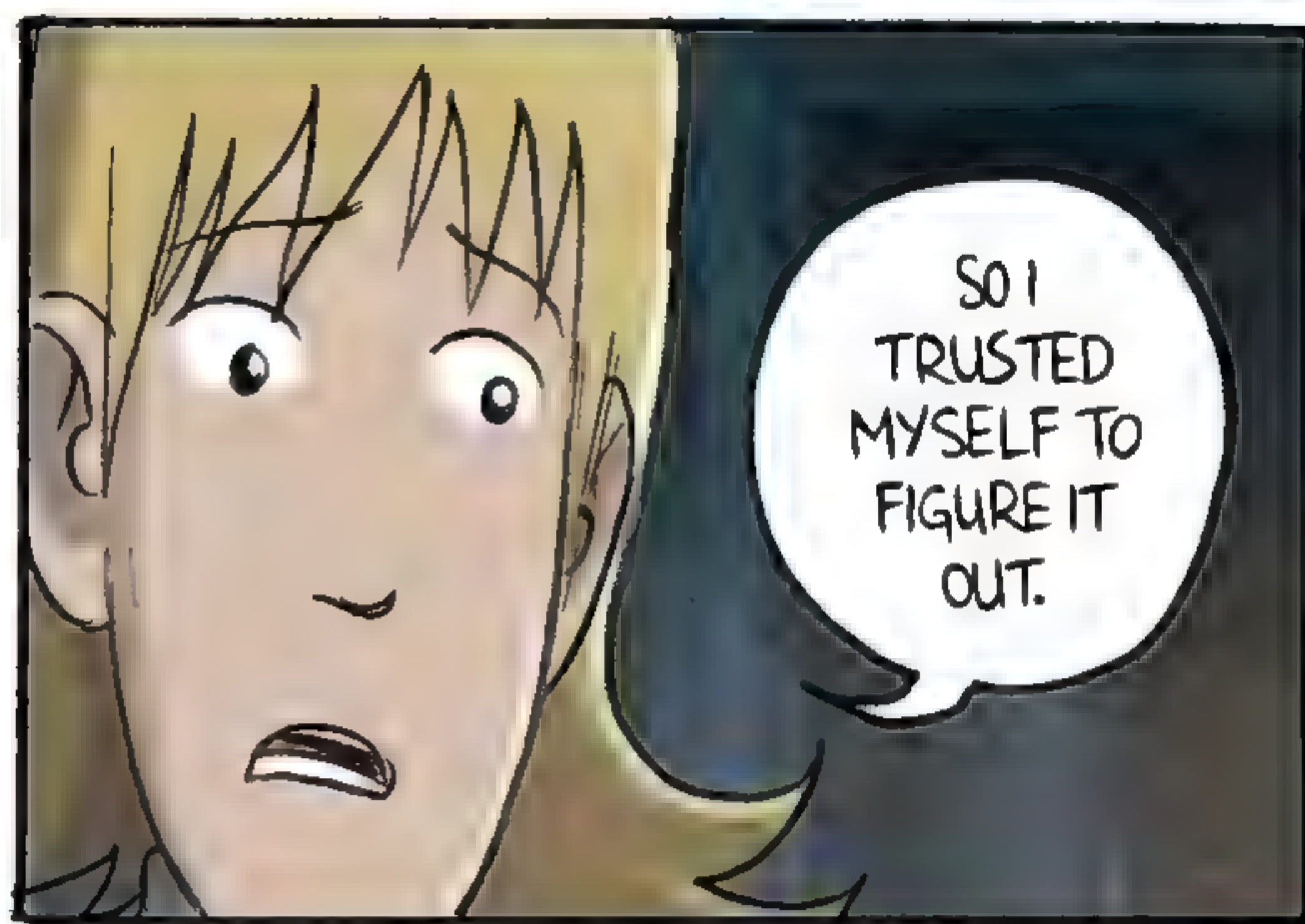
I HAD MORE
WEIGHT ON MY
SHOULDERS
THAN I COULD
HANDLE.

WITHOUT HIS
SUPPORT, I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO
DO. I FELT SO
ALONE.



BUT WHEN I
LOOKED AT YOUR
FACES, I REALIZED I
HAD TO STOP FEELING
BAD FOR MYSELF.

I HAD TO
FOCUS ON TAKING
GOOD CARE OF
YOU, AND THERE
JUST WASN'T TIME
TO DWELL ON IT.



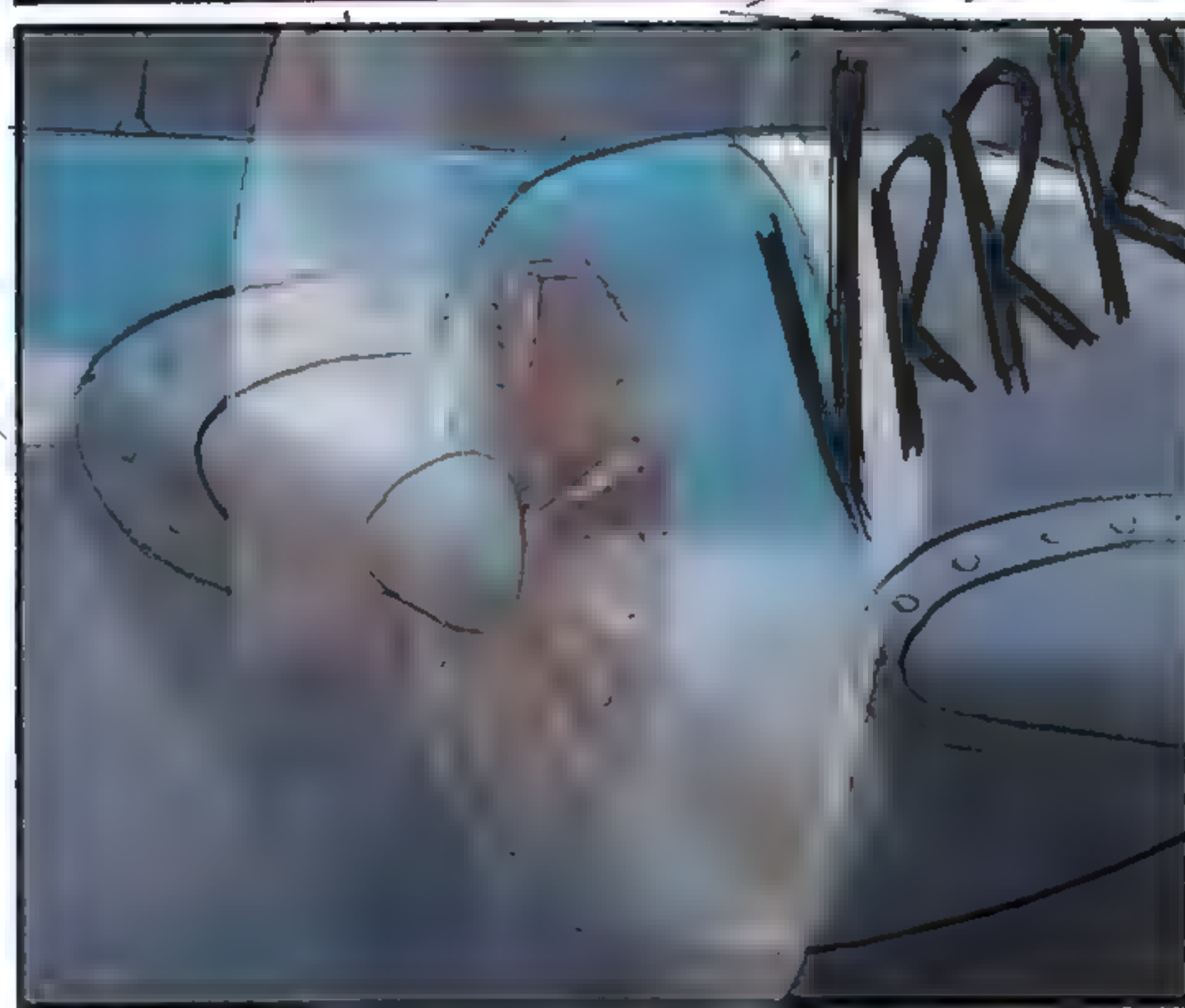
SO I
TRUSTED
MYSELF TO
FIGURE IT
OUT.

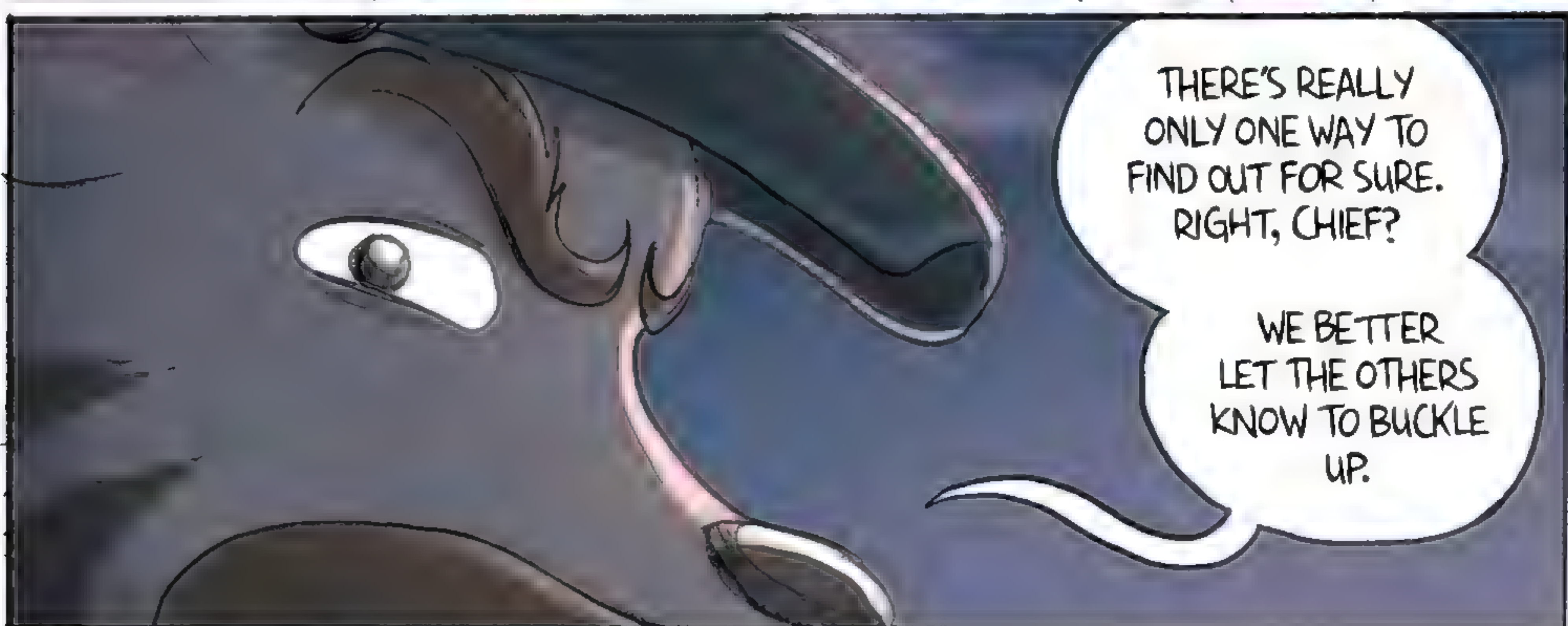


AND MY
WORRIES
VANISHED.

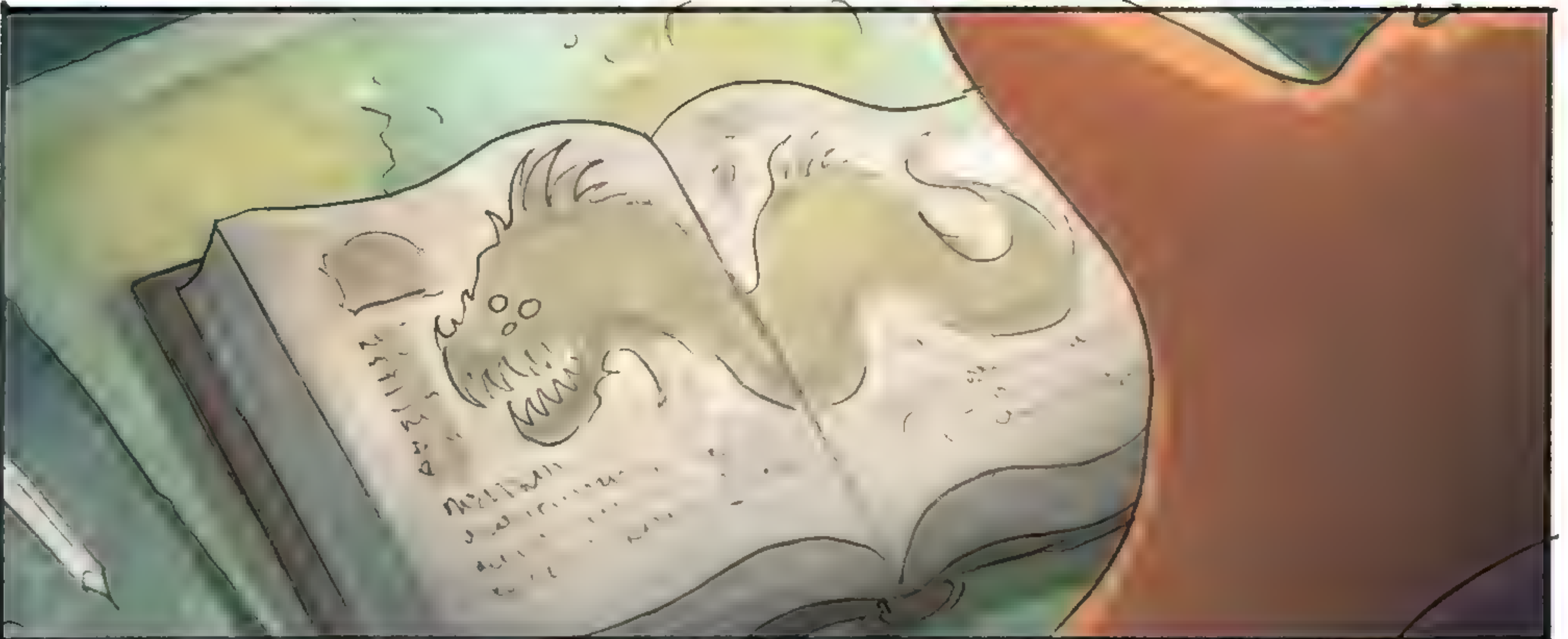
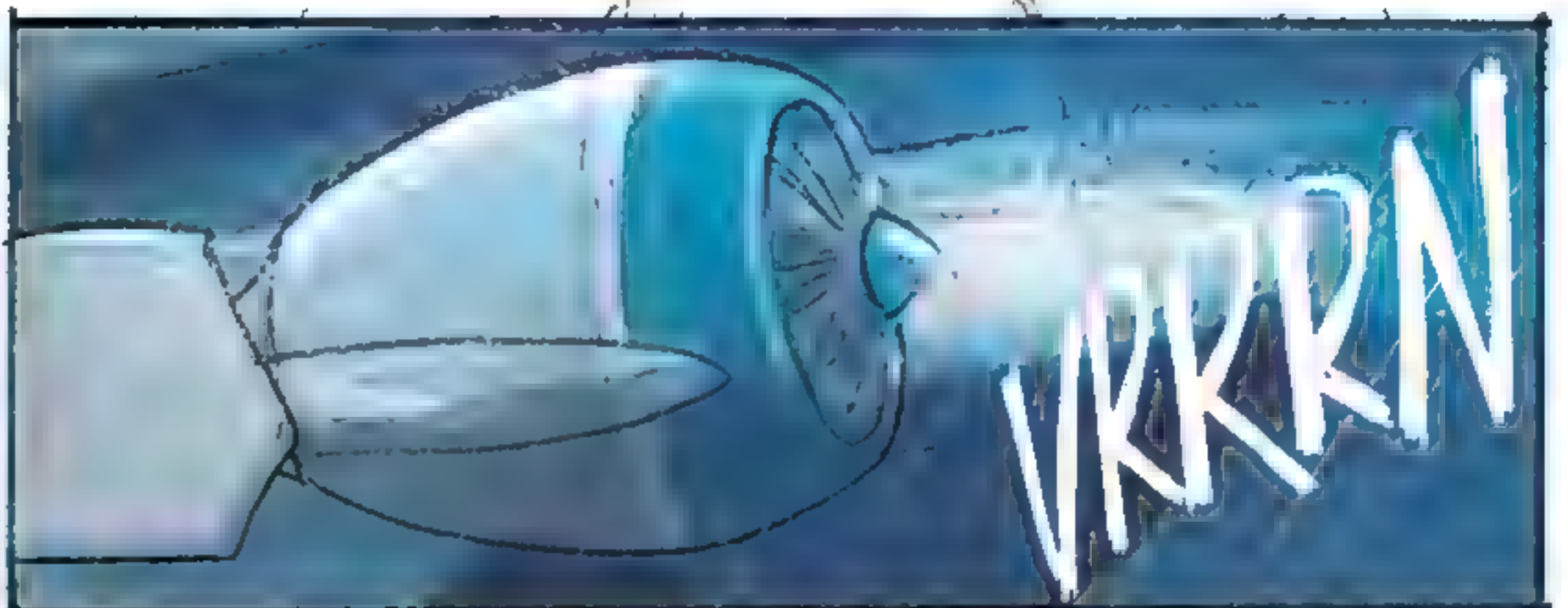




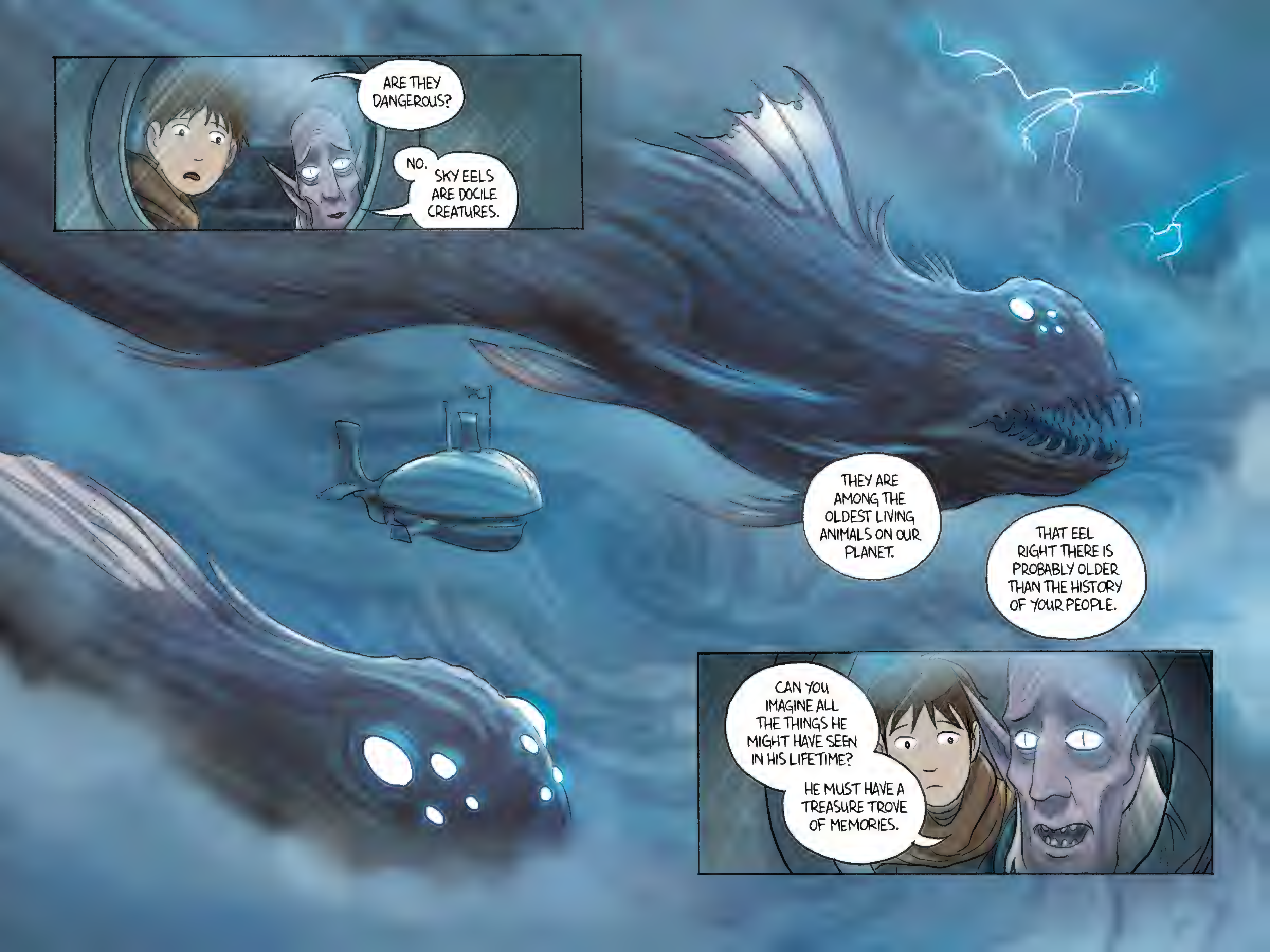








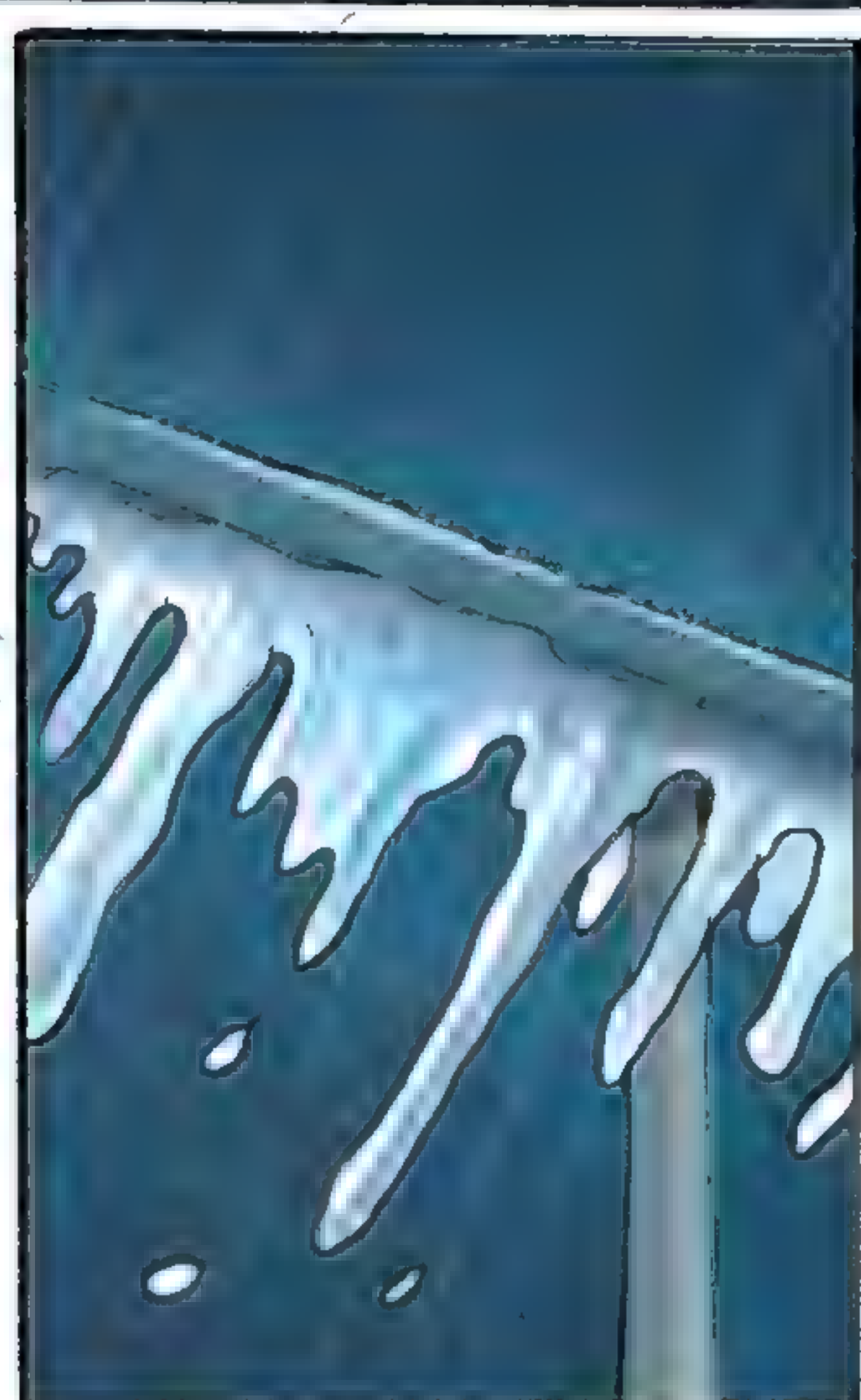
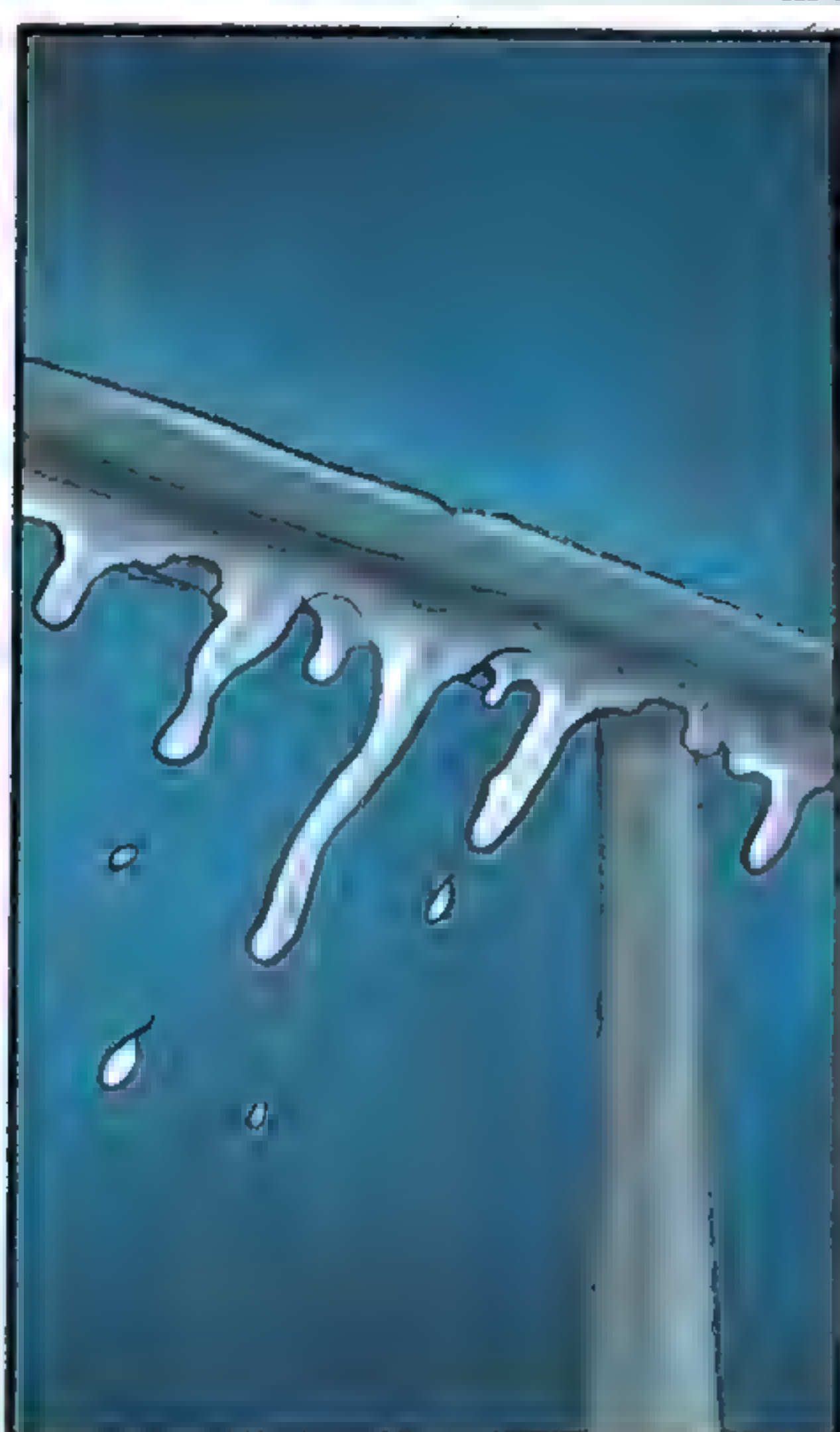
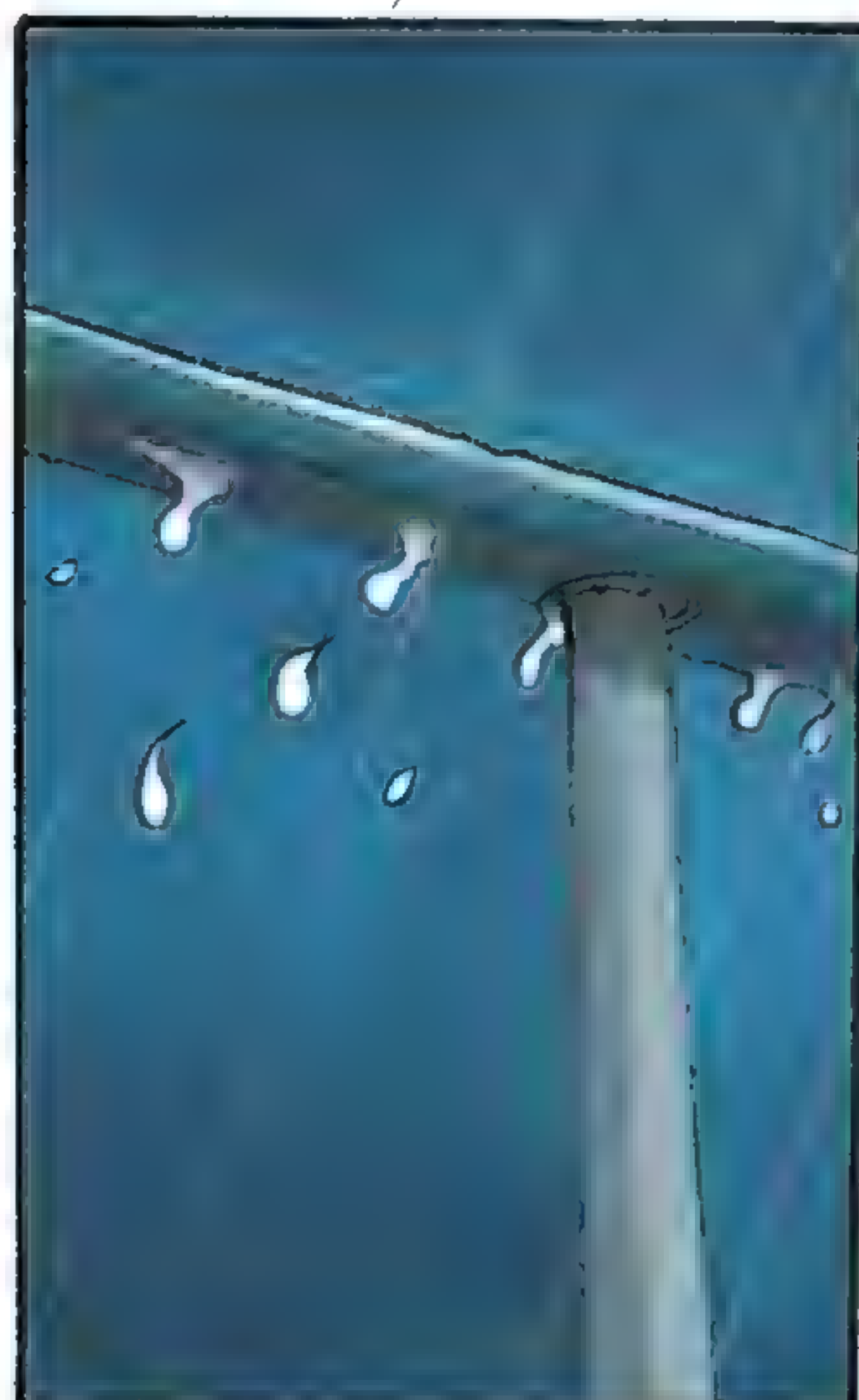
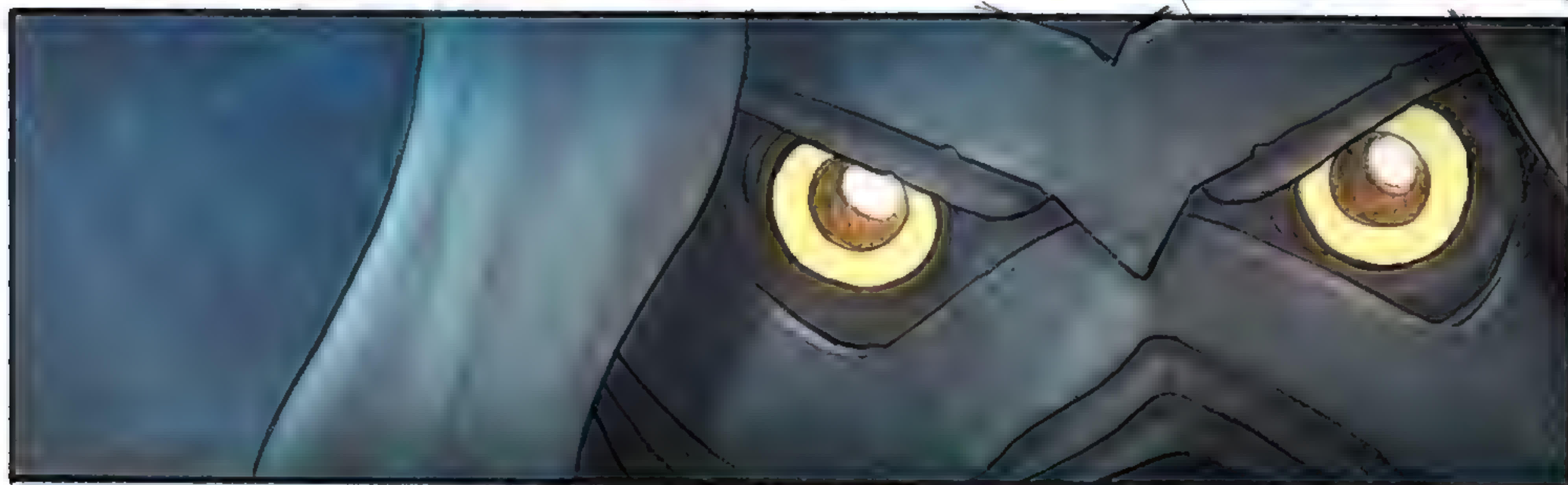


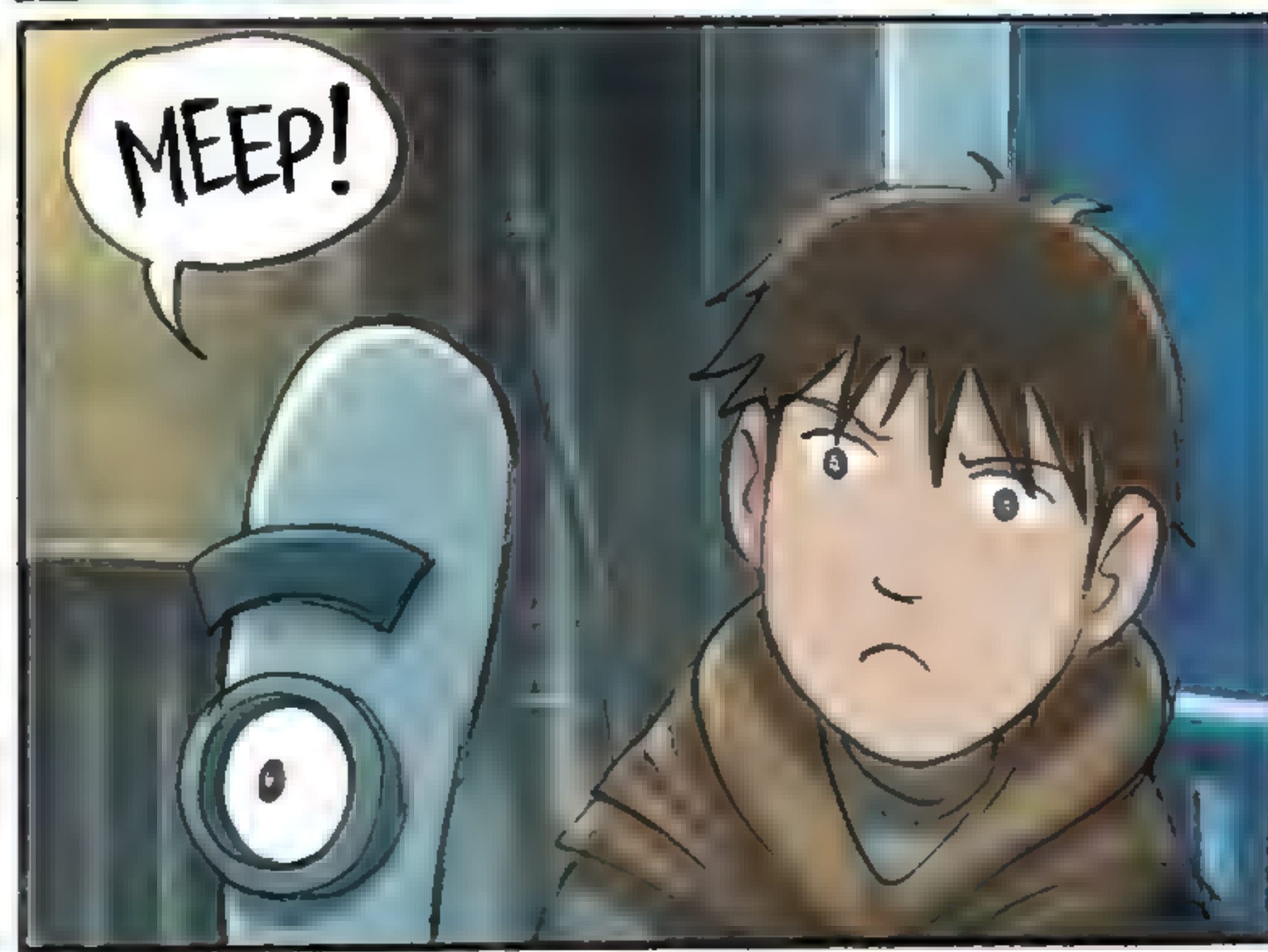
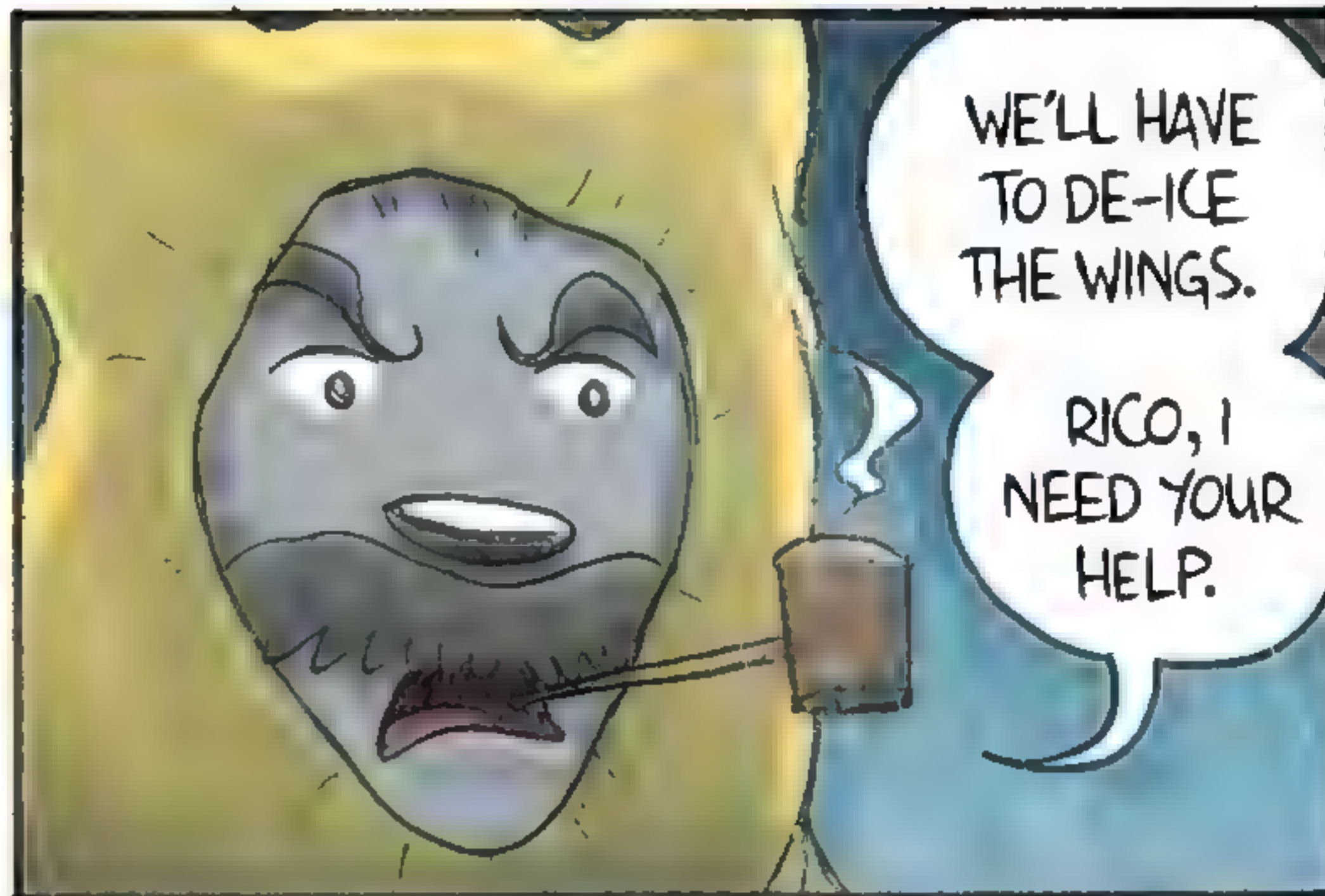


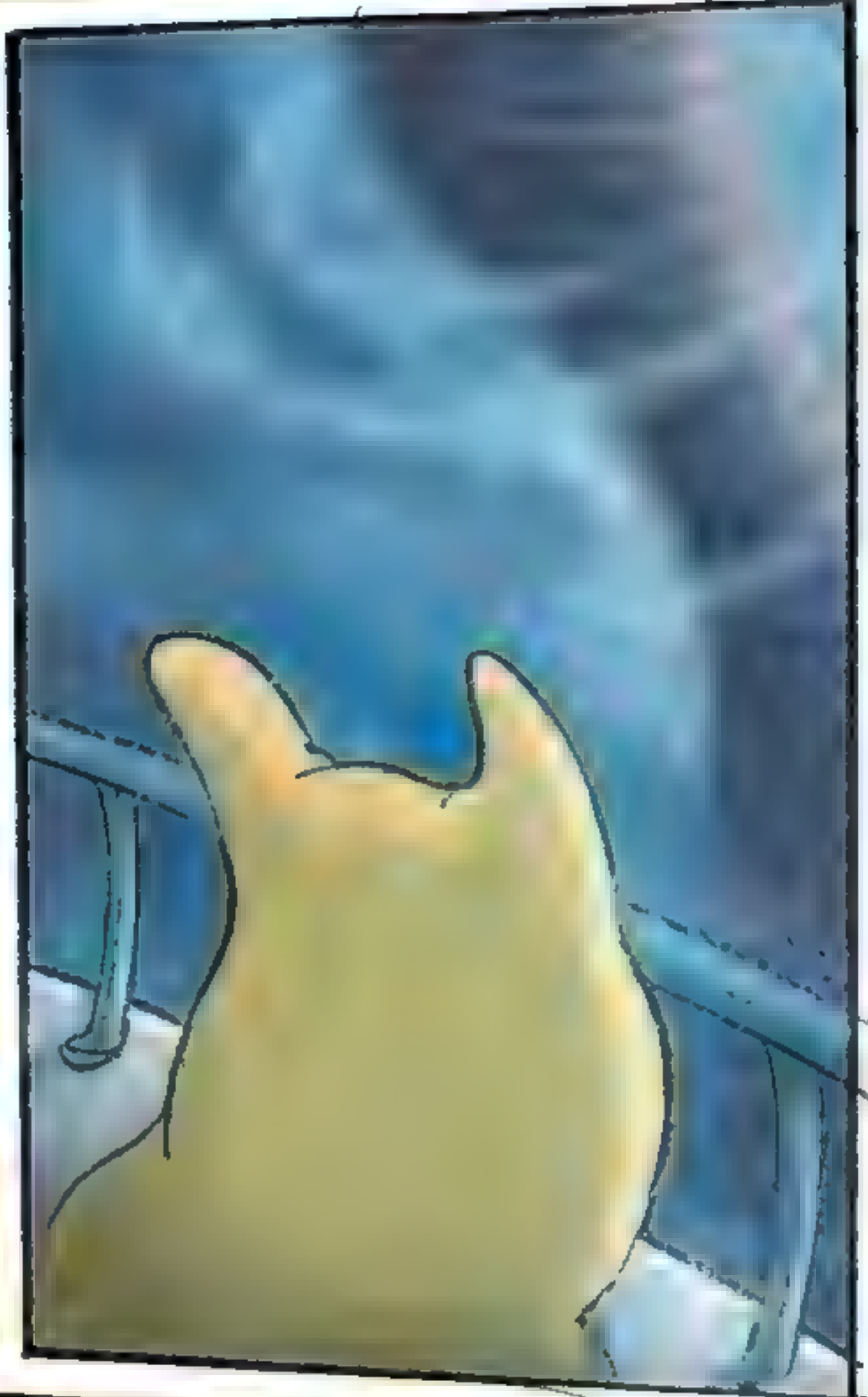
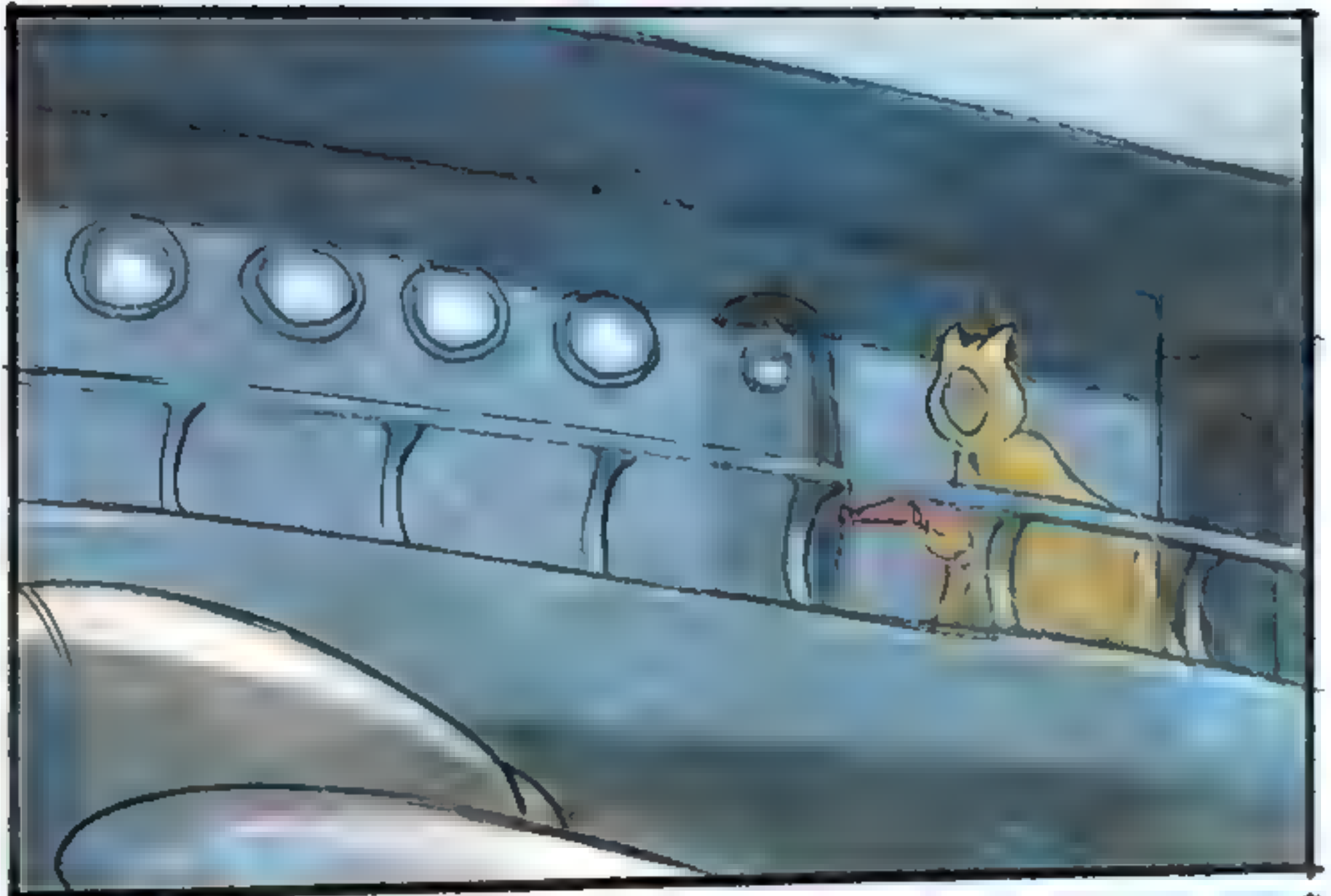
THEY ARE AMONG THE OLDEST LIVING ANIMALS ON OUR PLANET.

THAT EEL RIGHT THERE IS PROBABLY OLDER THAN THE HISTORY OF YOUR PEOPLE.

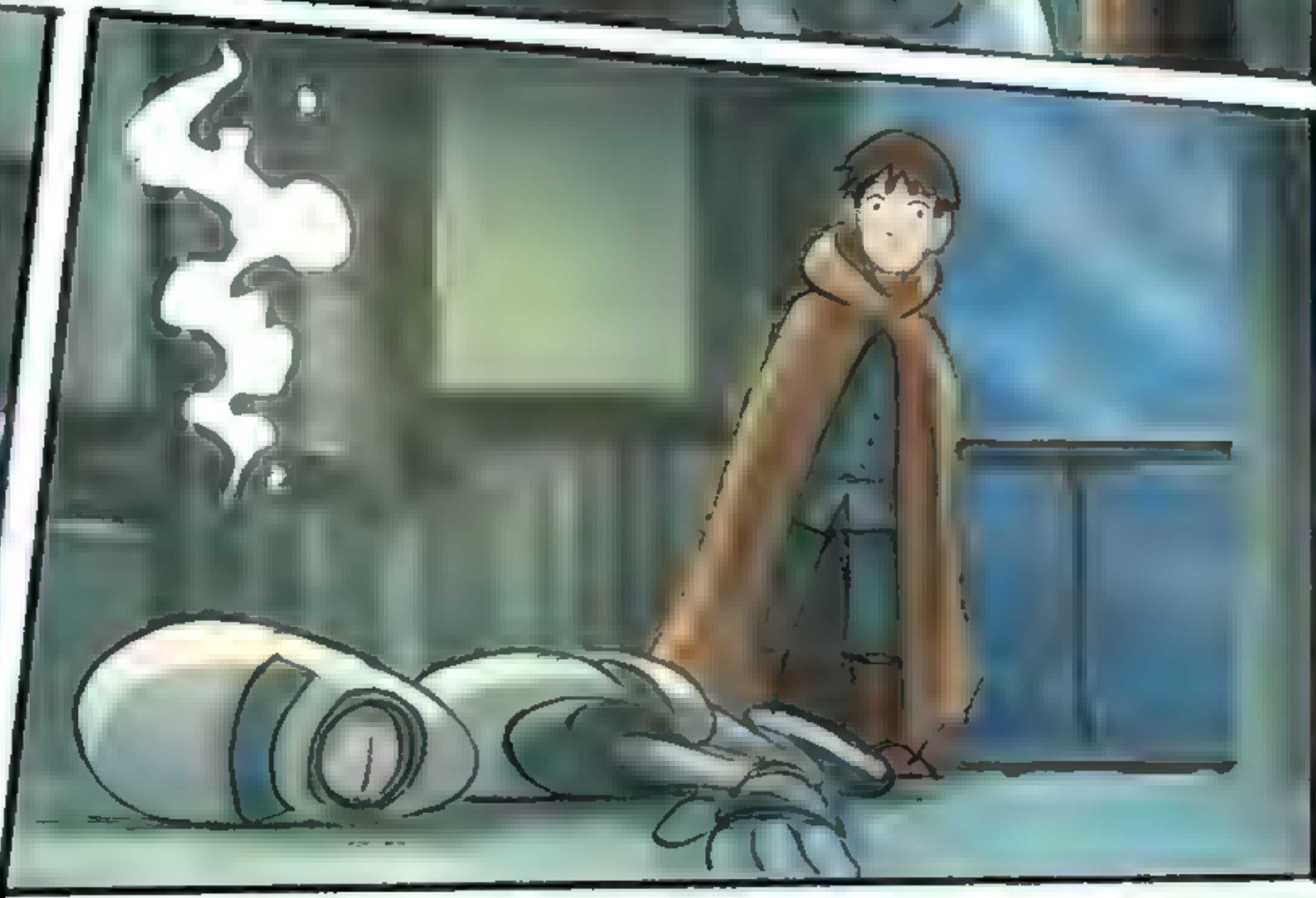
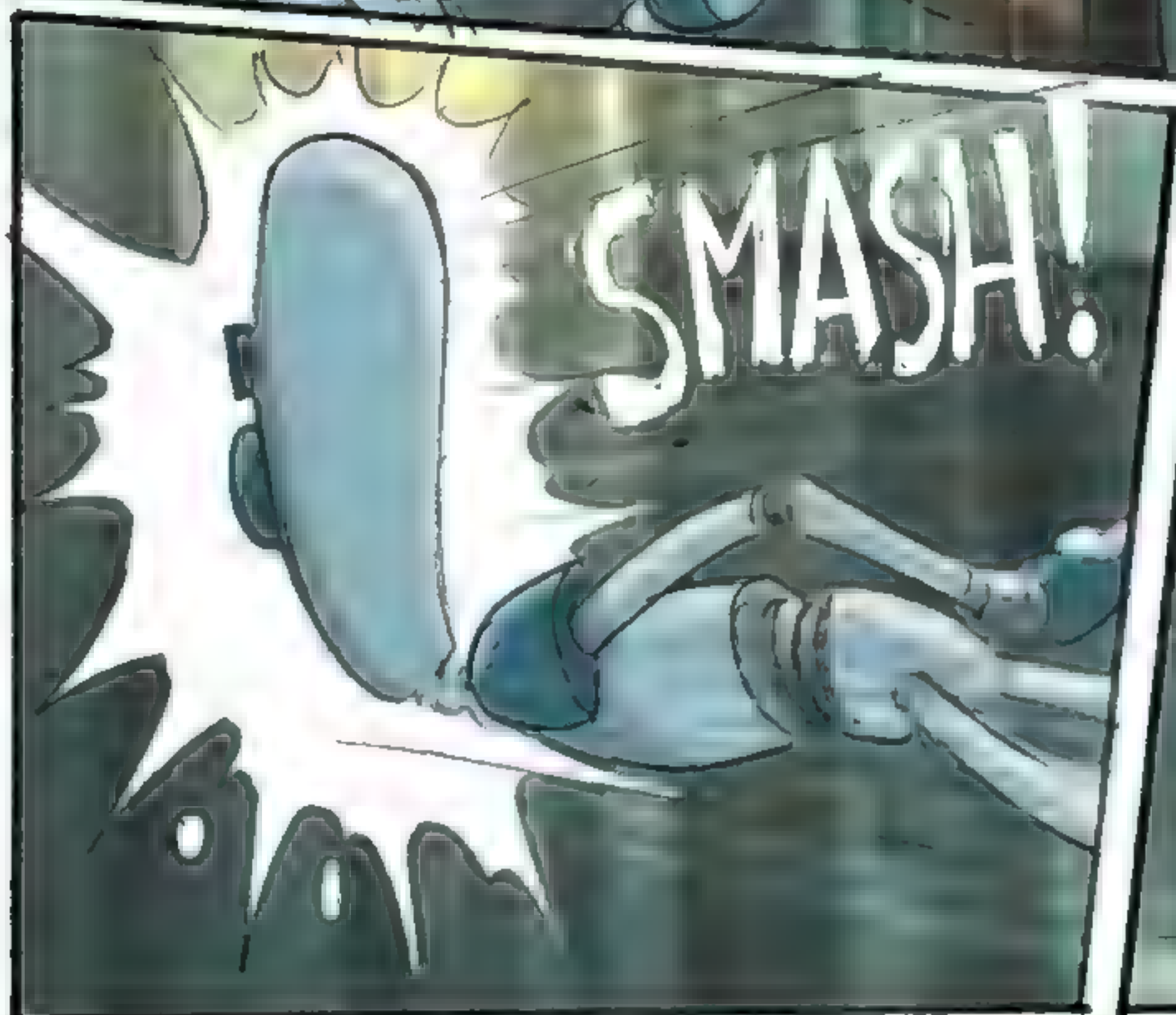


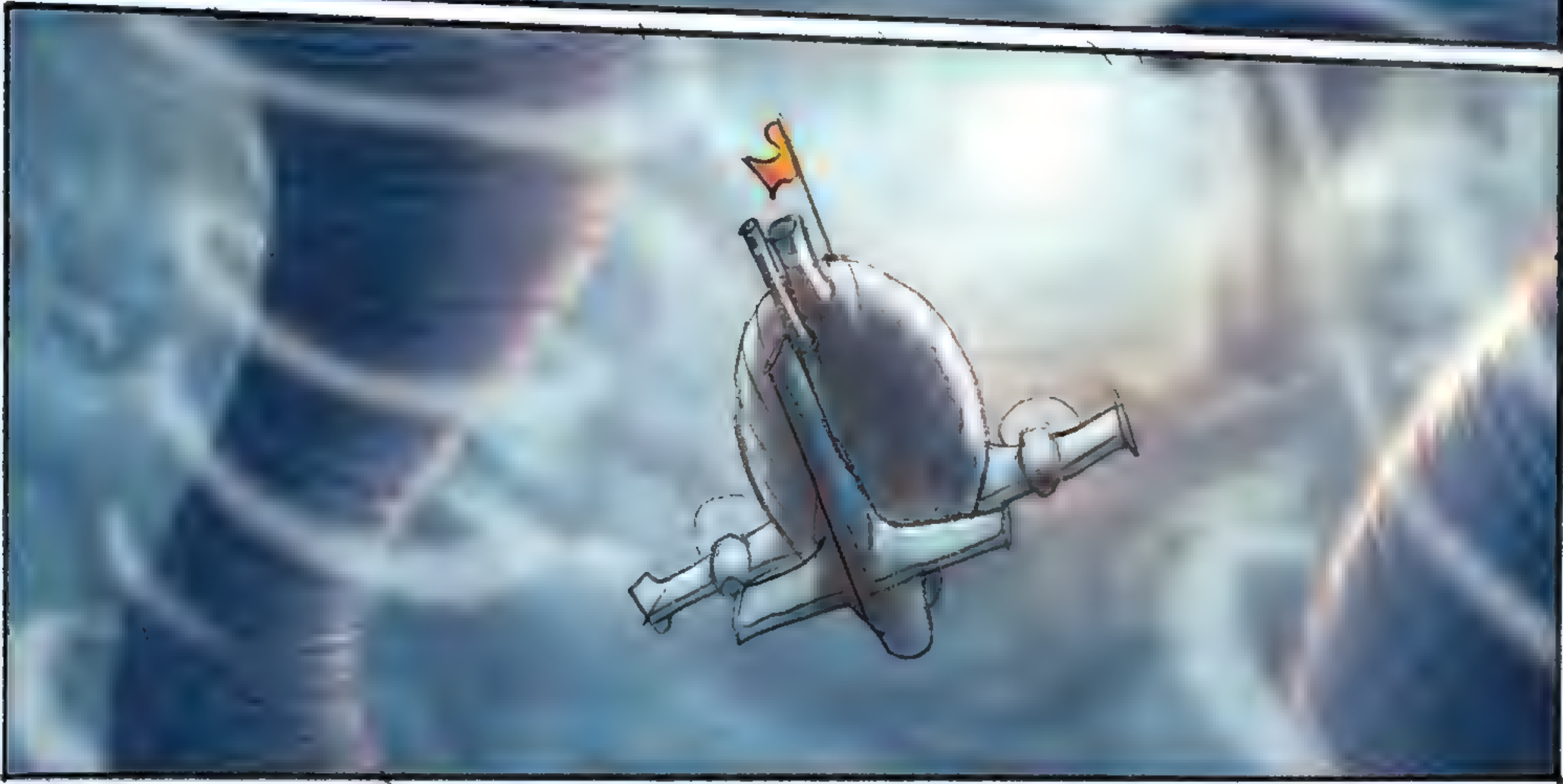
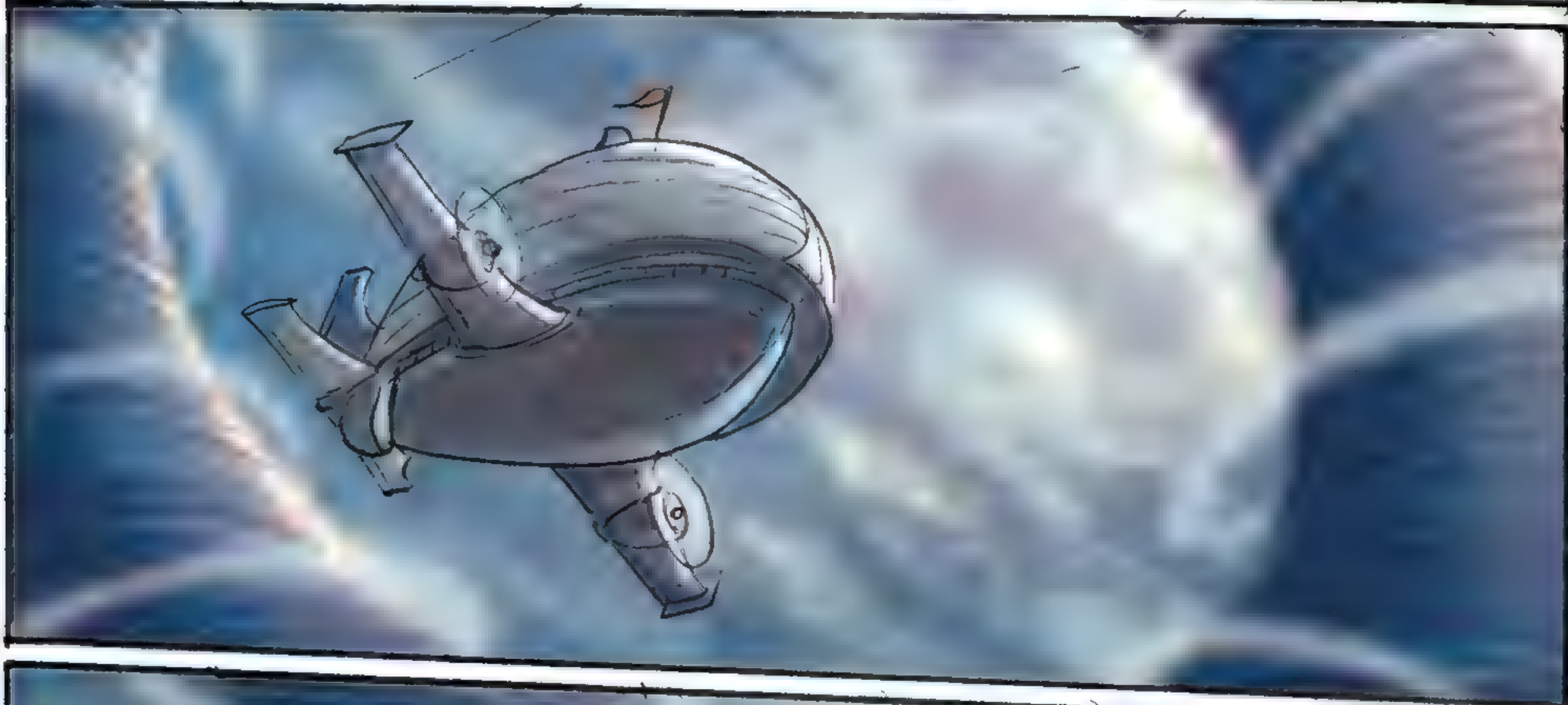
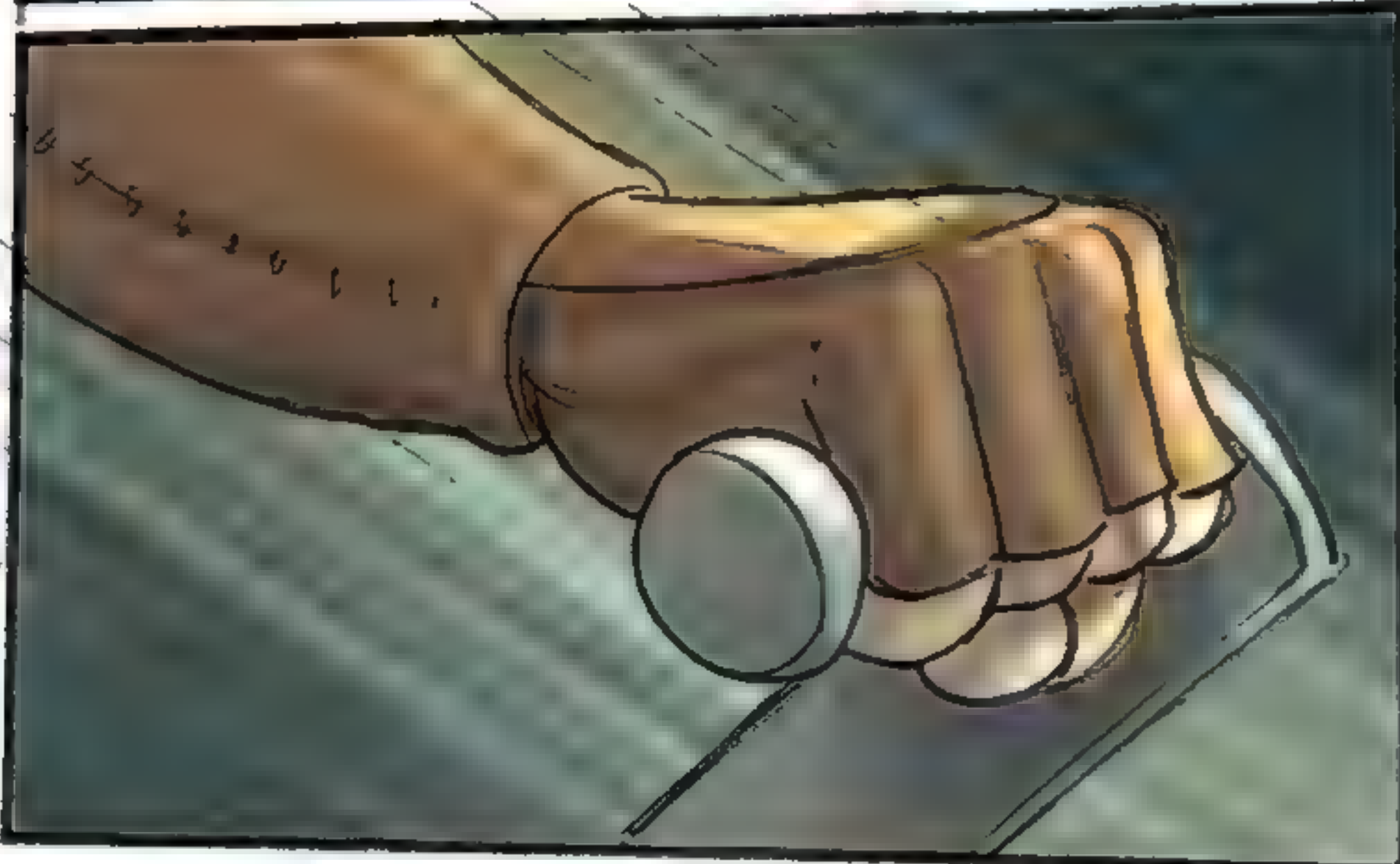


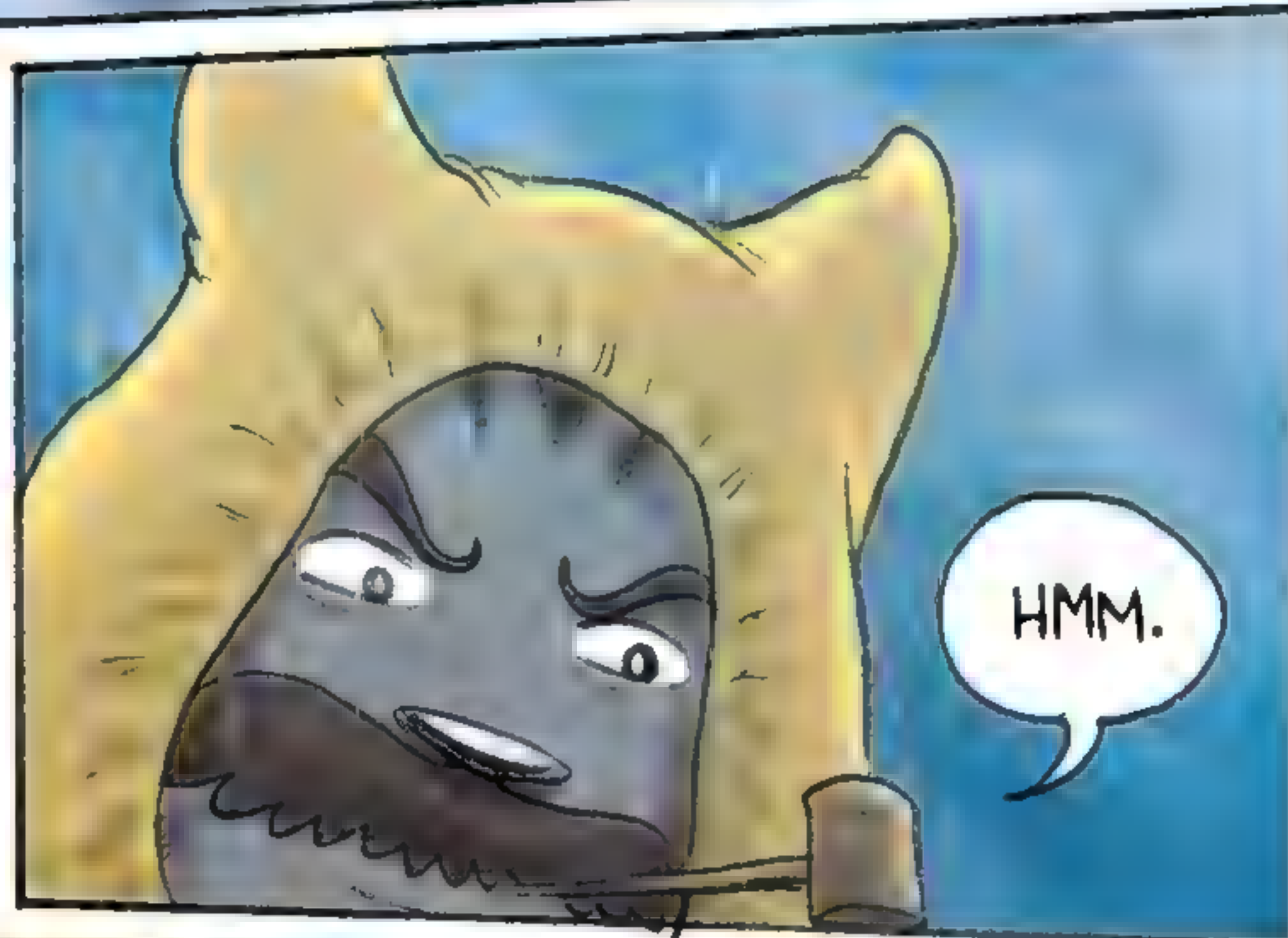
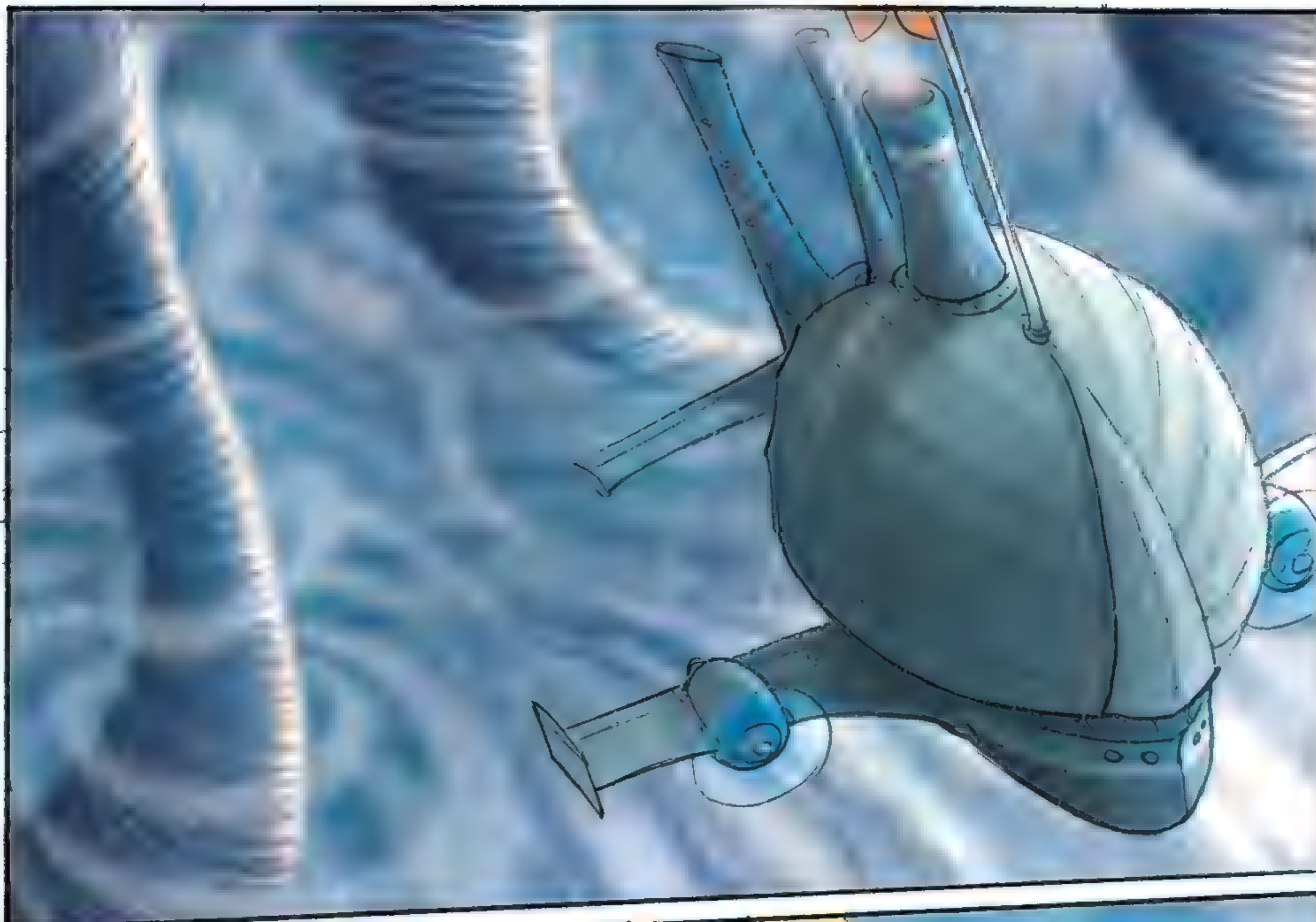




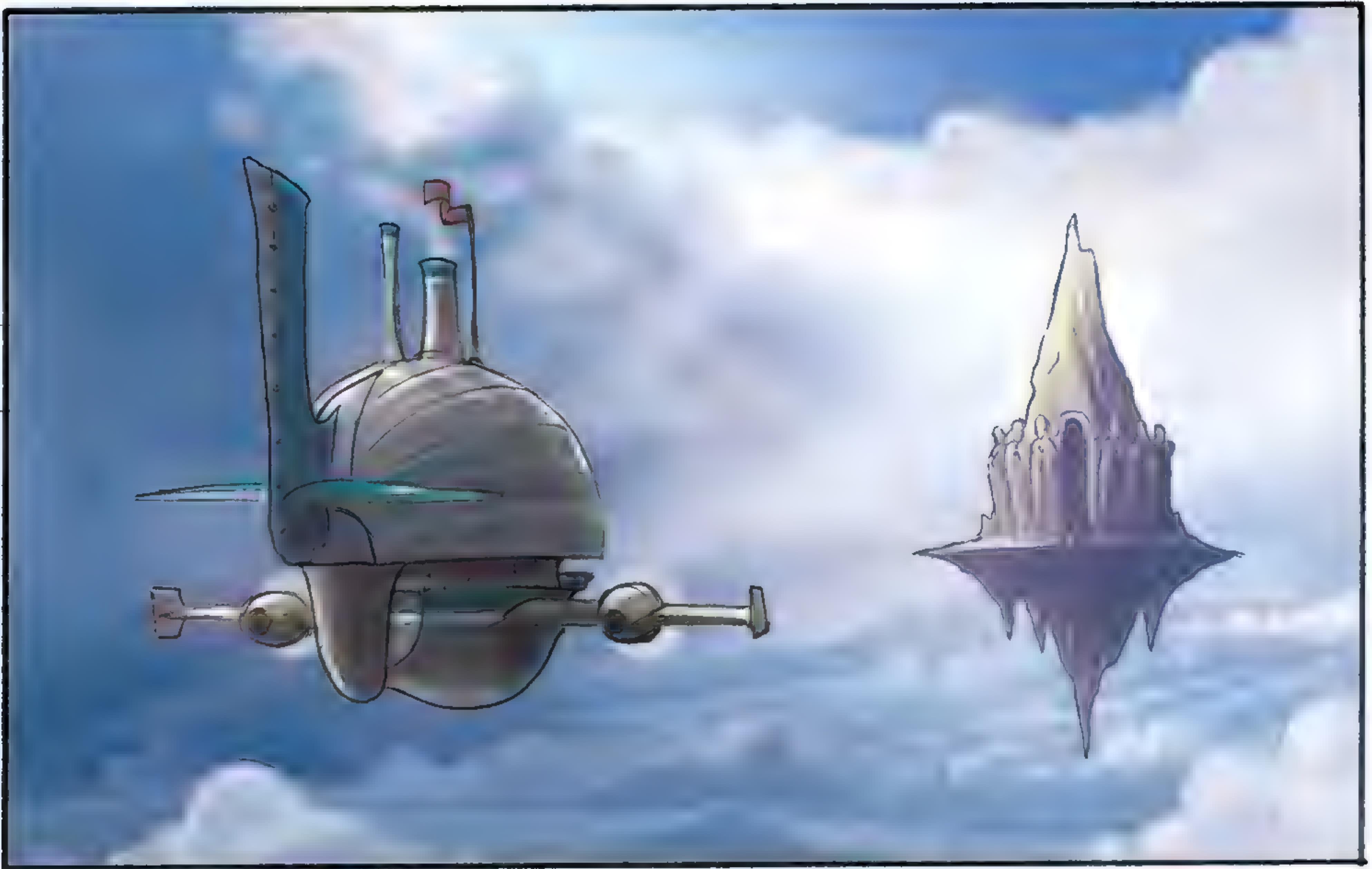


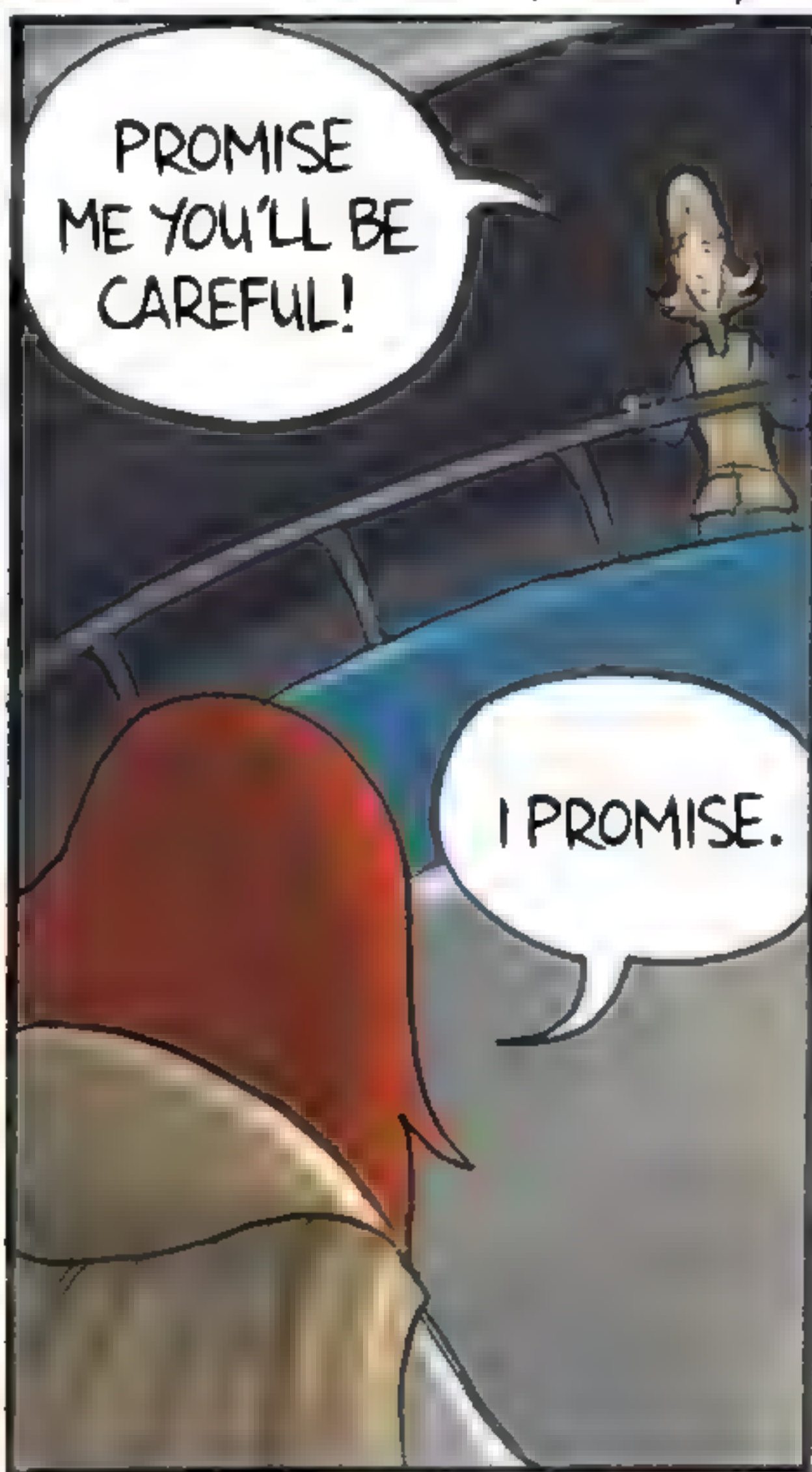
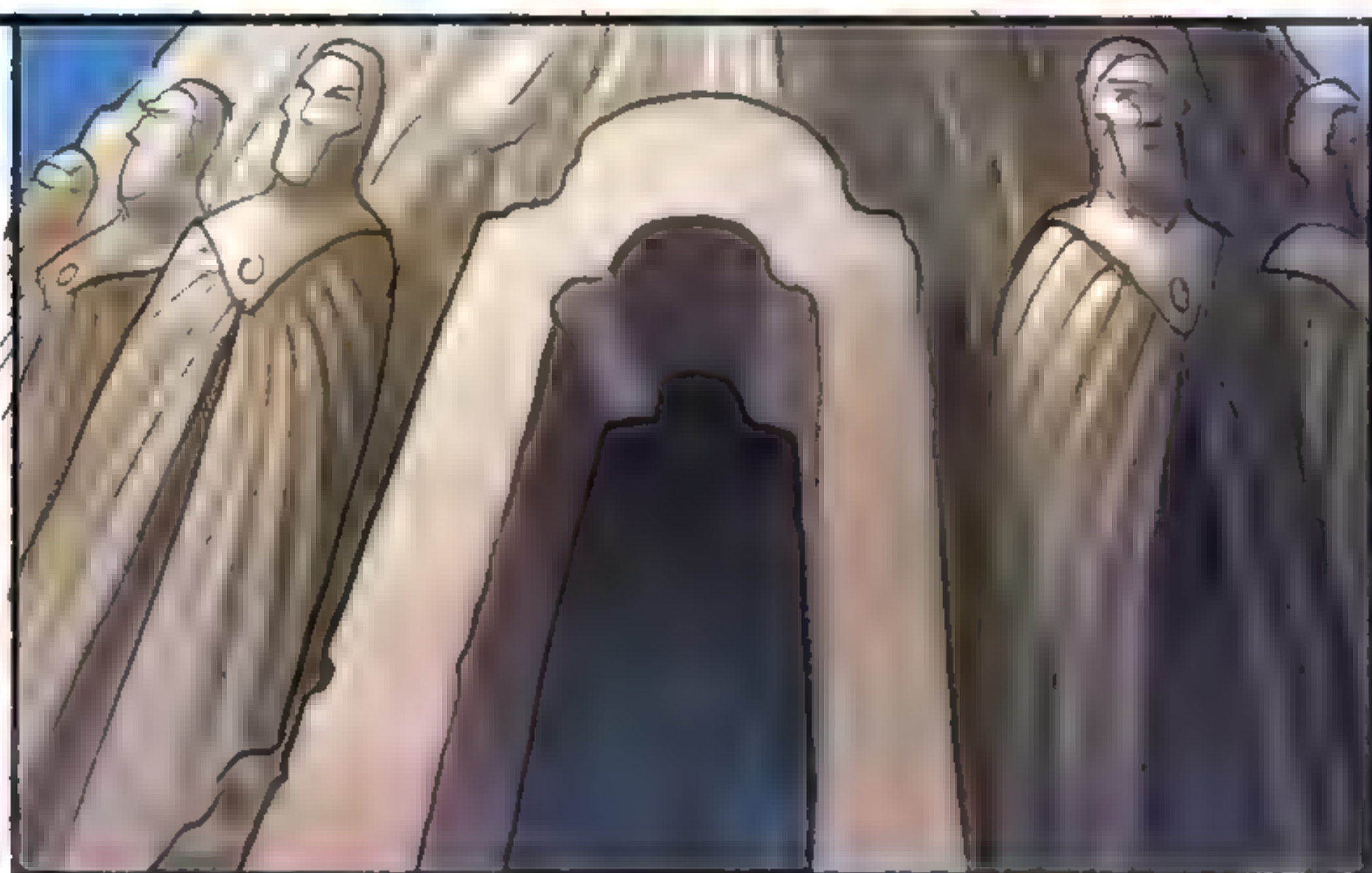
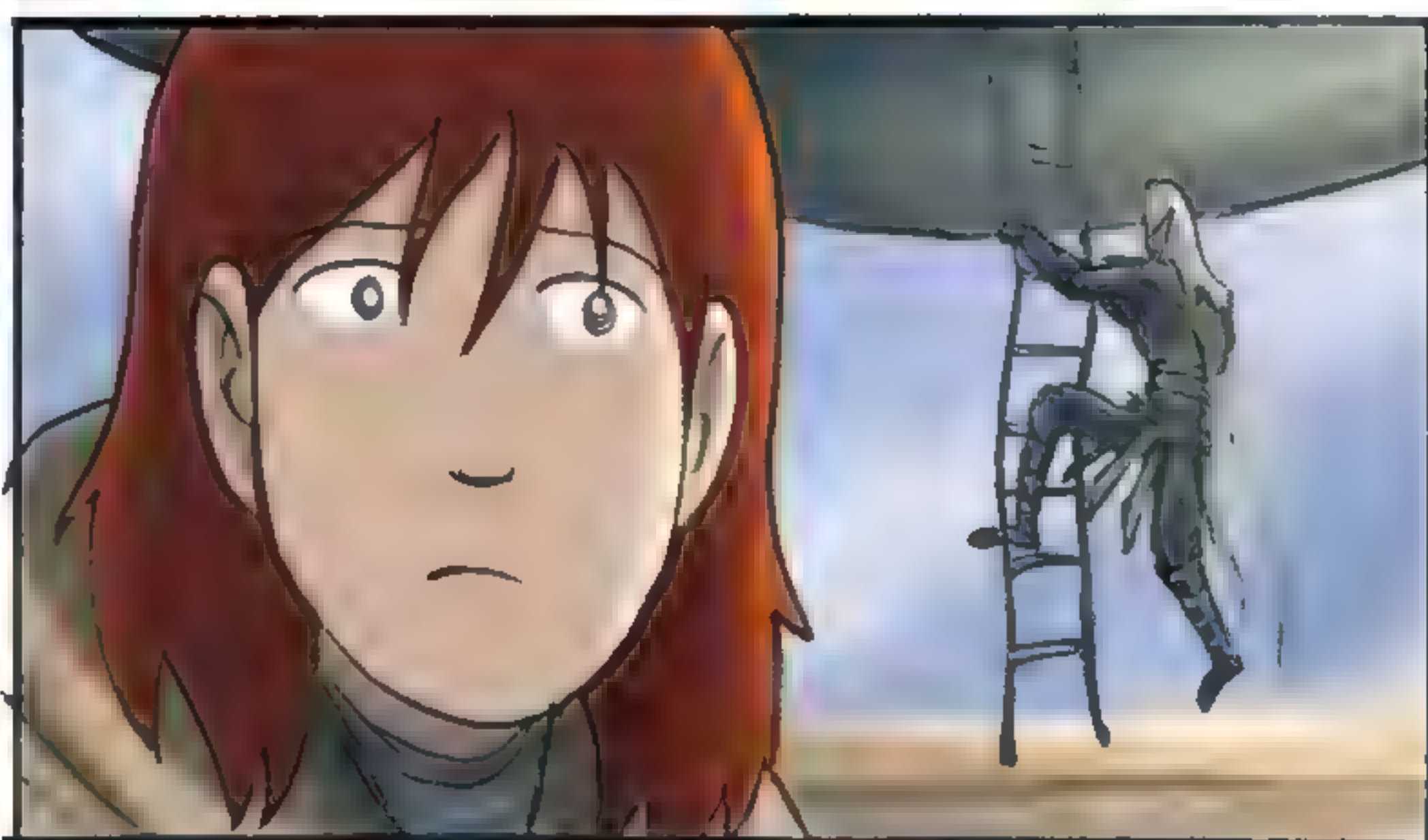
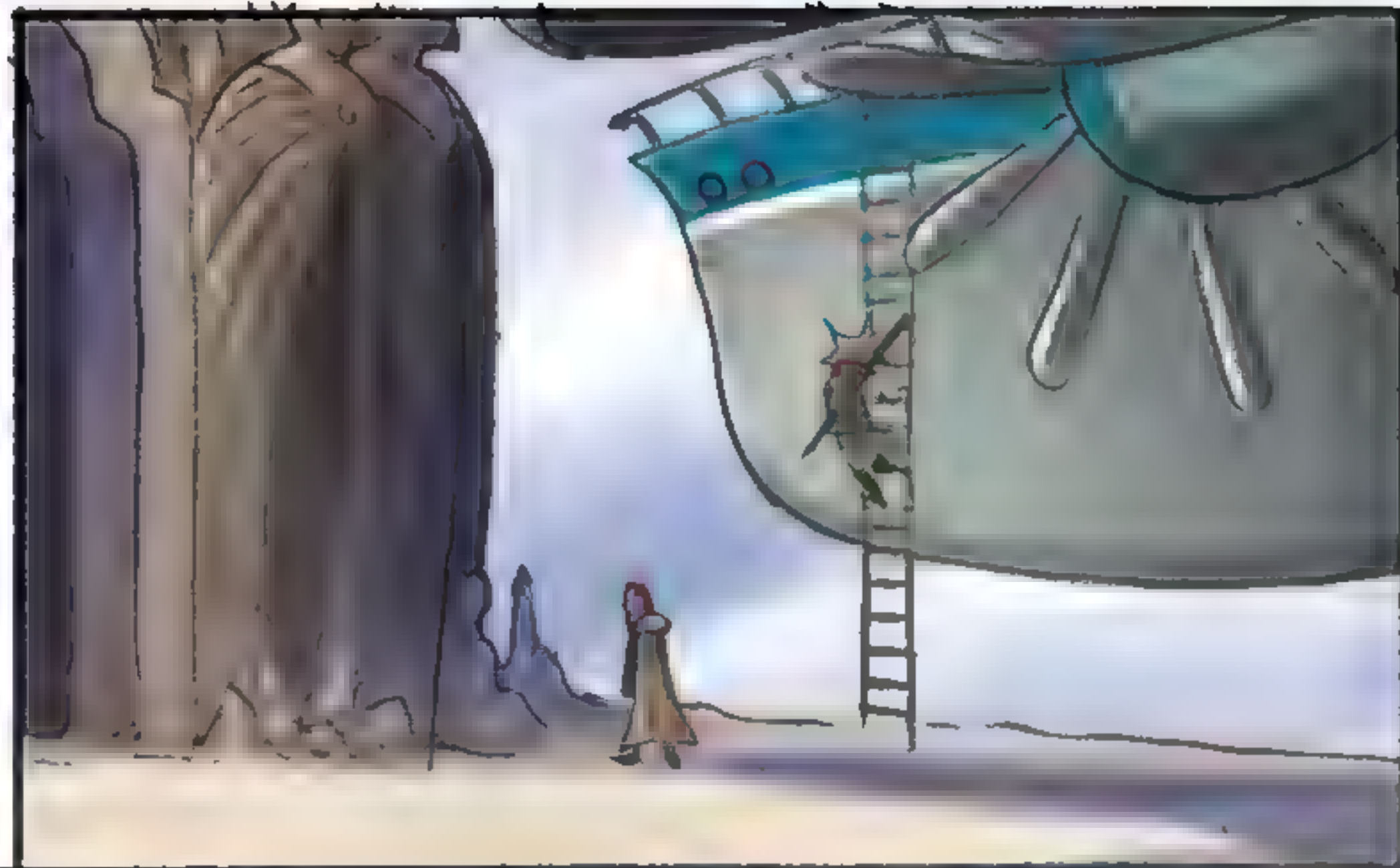
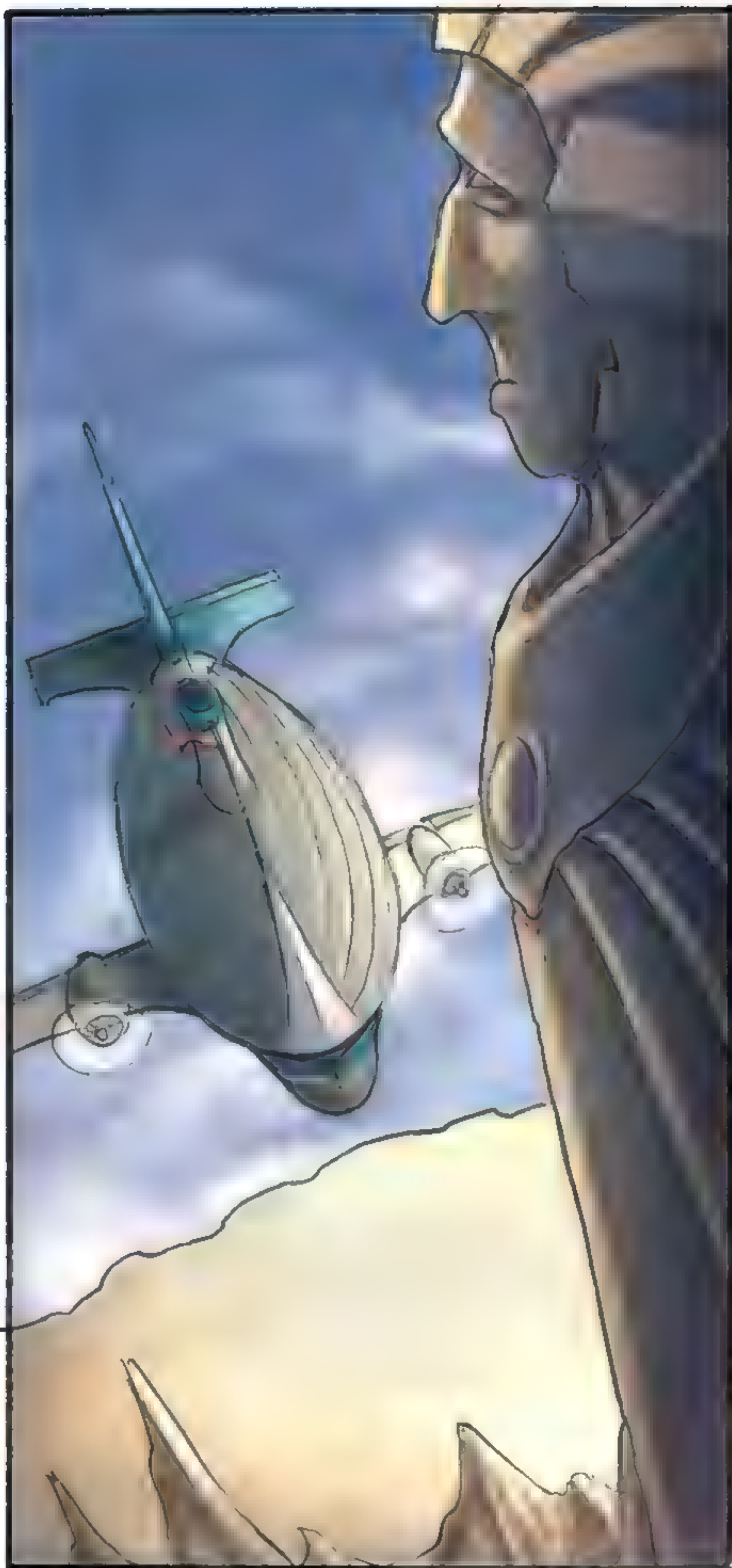


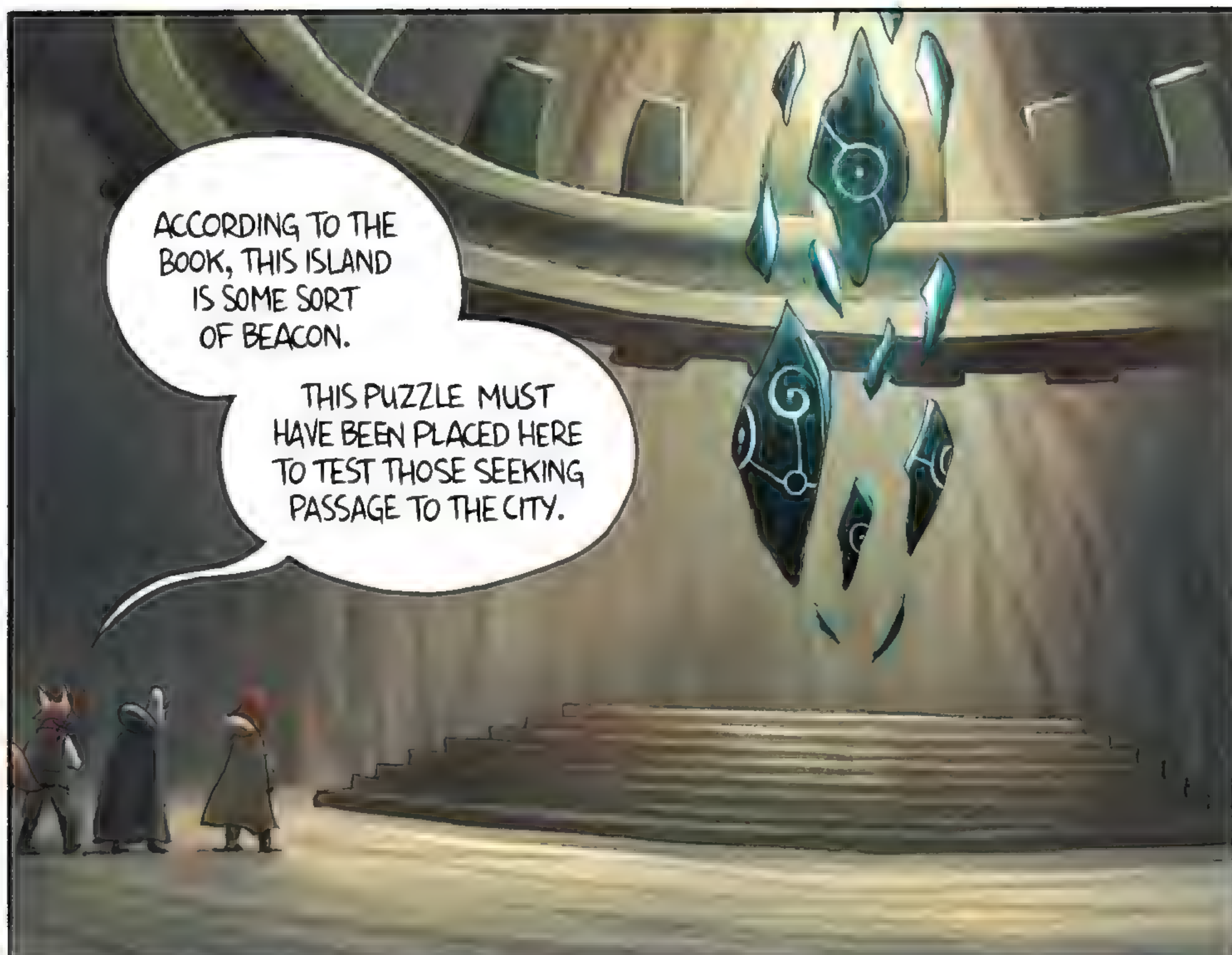












ACCORDING TO THE
BOOK, THIS ISLAND
IS SOME SORT
OF BEACON.

THIS PUZZLE MUST
HAVE BEEN PLACED HERE
TO TEST THOSE SEEKING
PASSAGE TO THE CITY.



HOW IS
ALL OF THIS
SUSPENDED
IN THE AIR?

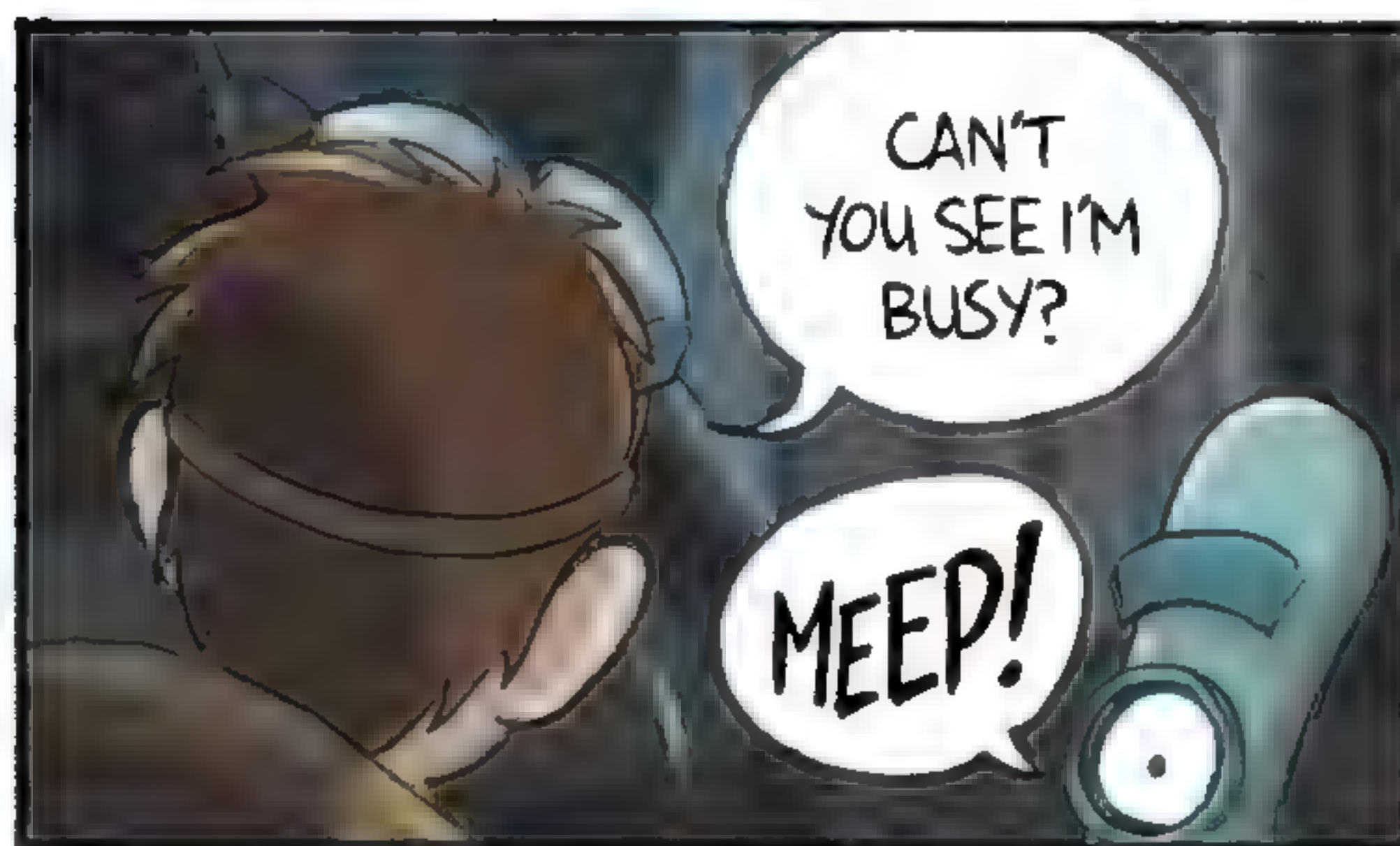


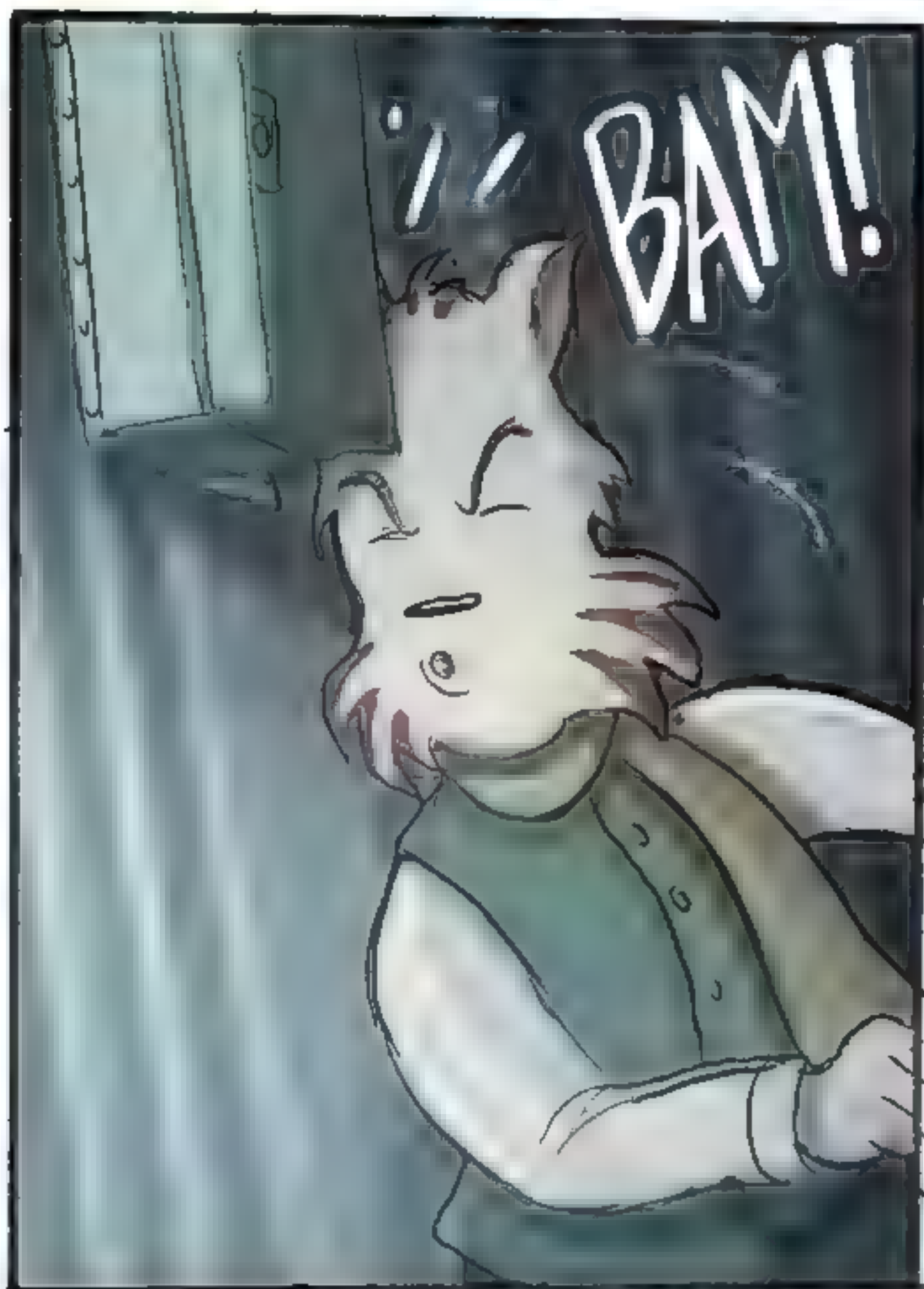
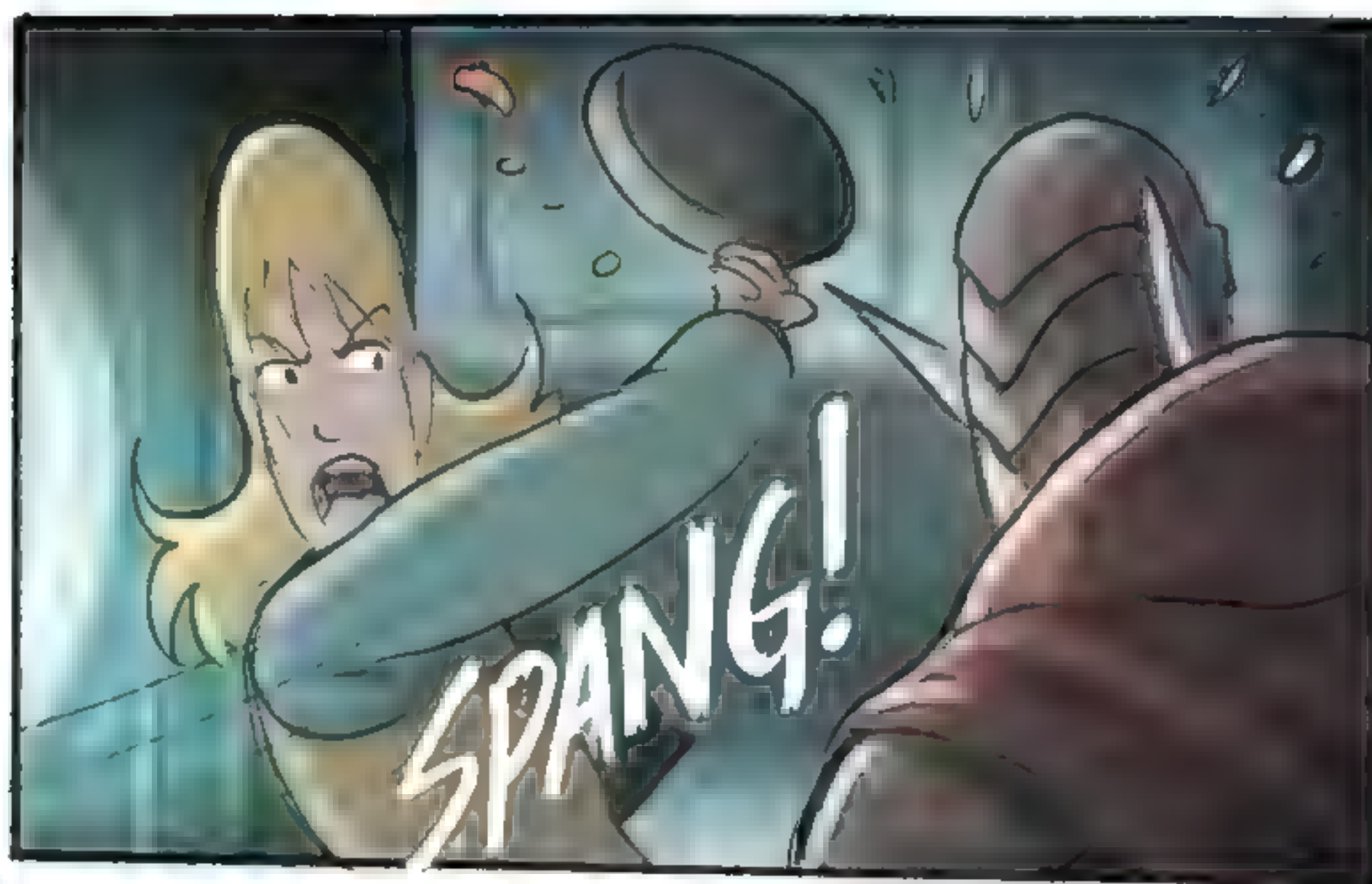
THE ISLAND
AND THESE
ROCKS HAVE BEEN
IMBUED WITH
A SPECIAL
ENERGY.

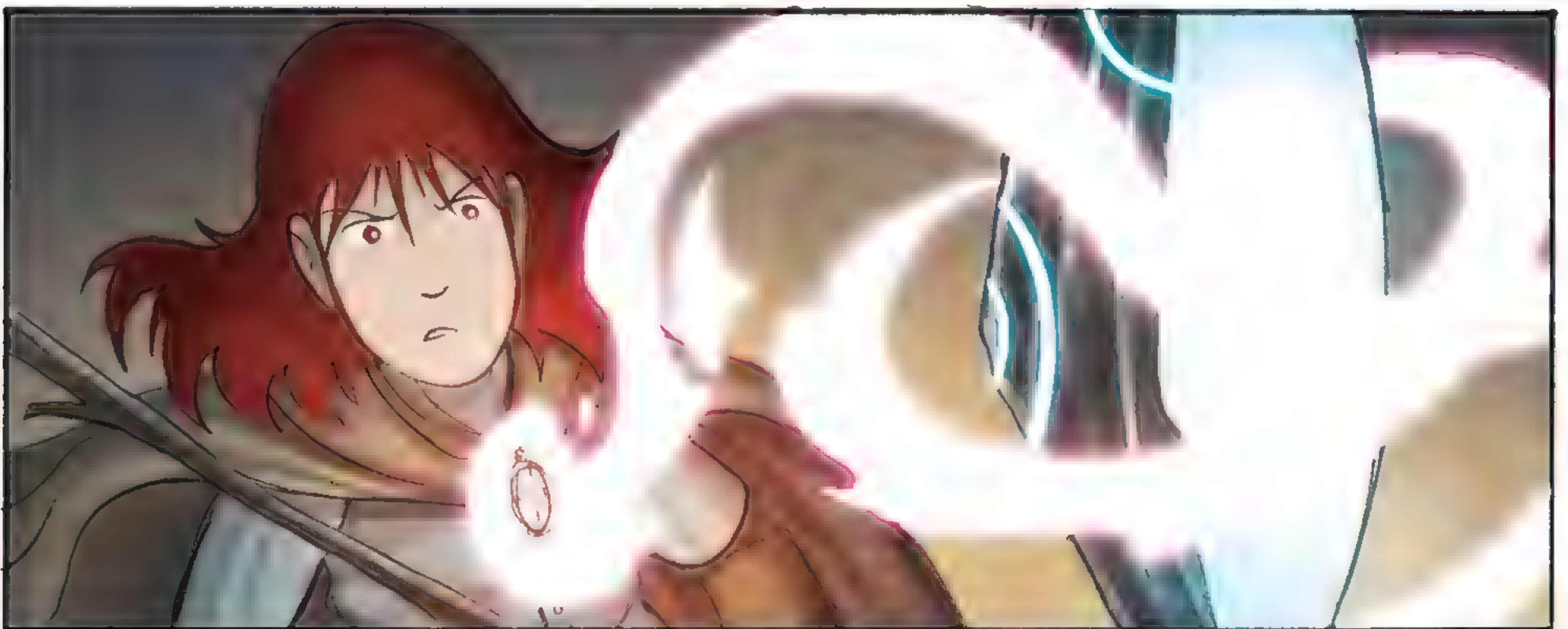
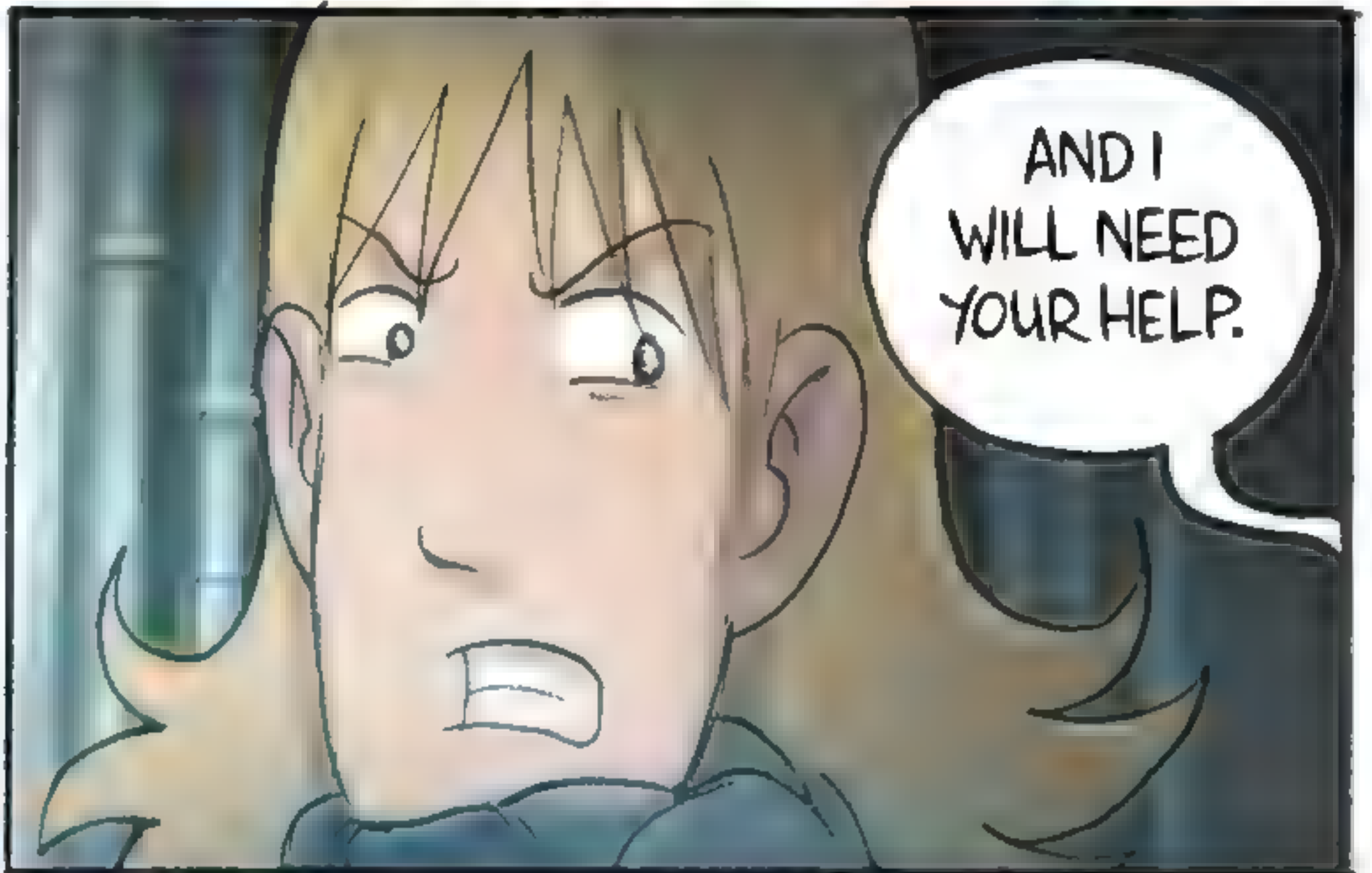
IT IS THE
SAME ENERGY
THAT GIVES YOUR
STONE ITS
POWER.



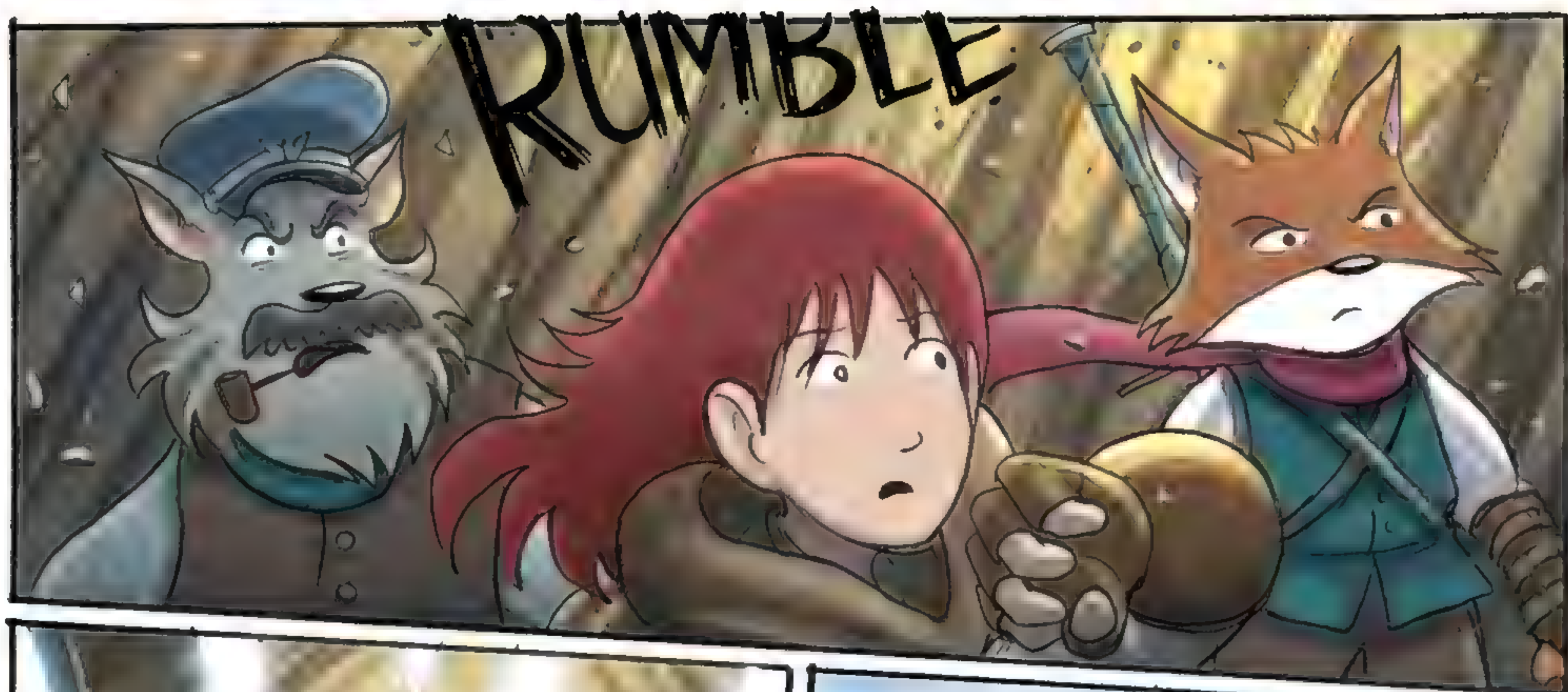
EMILY.
TRELLIS.
LET'S
BEGIN.

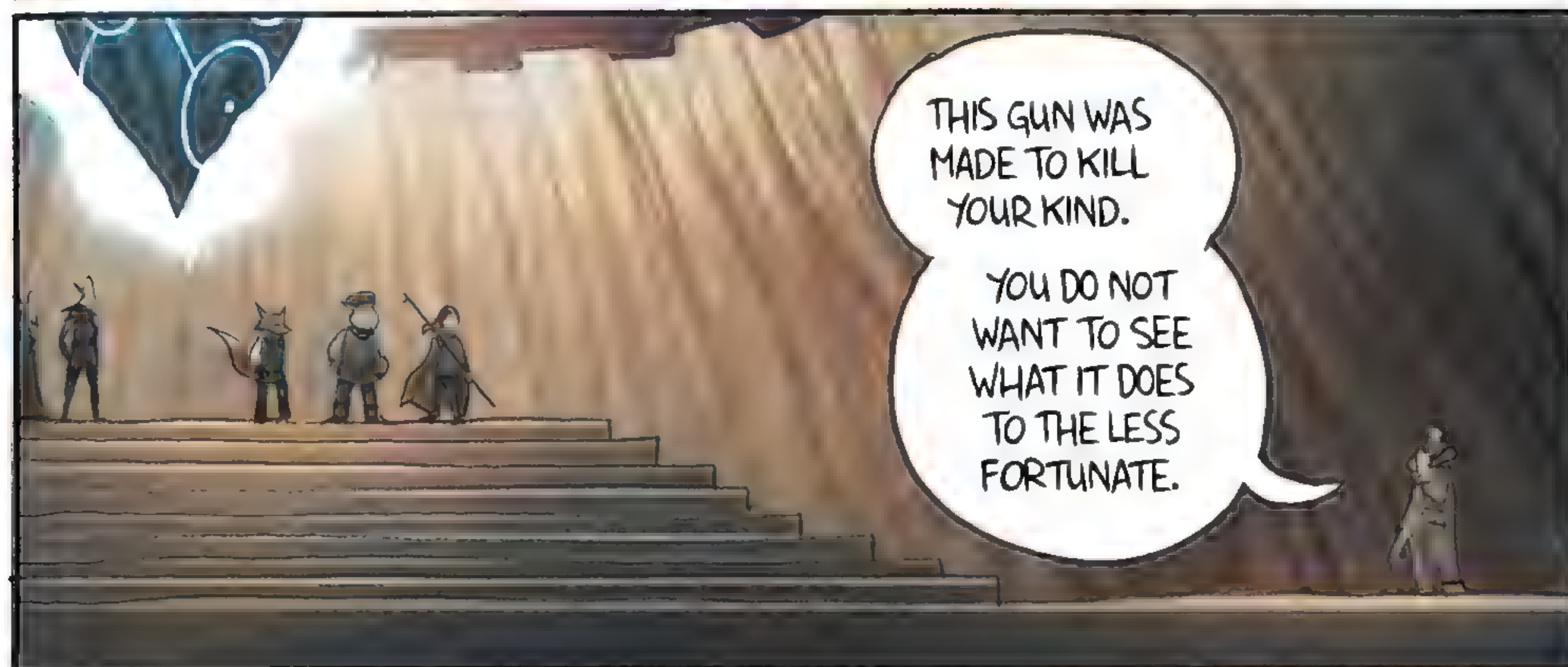
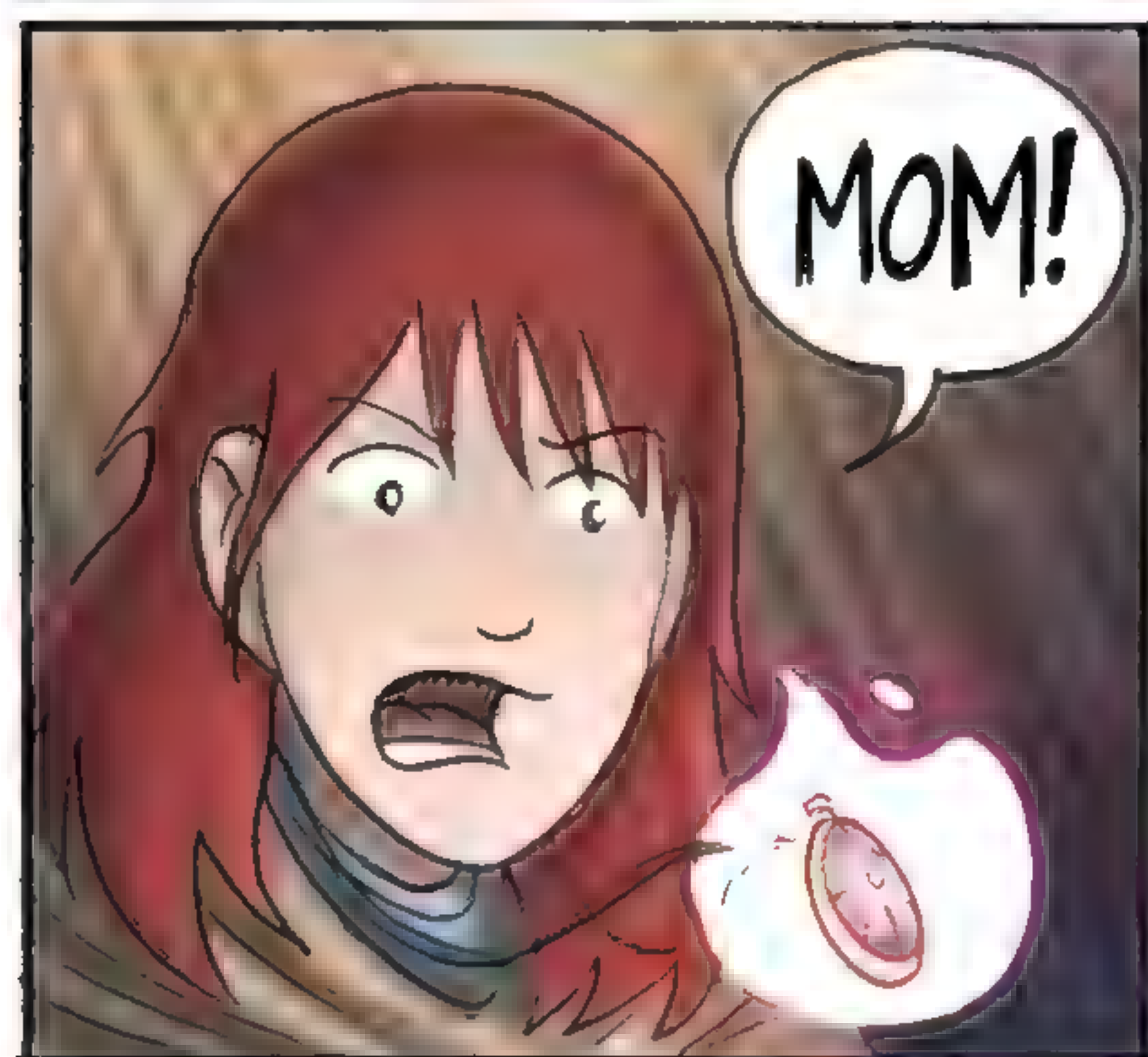




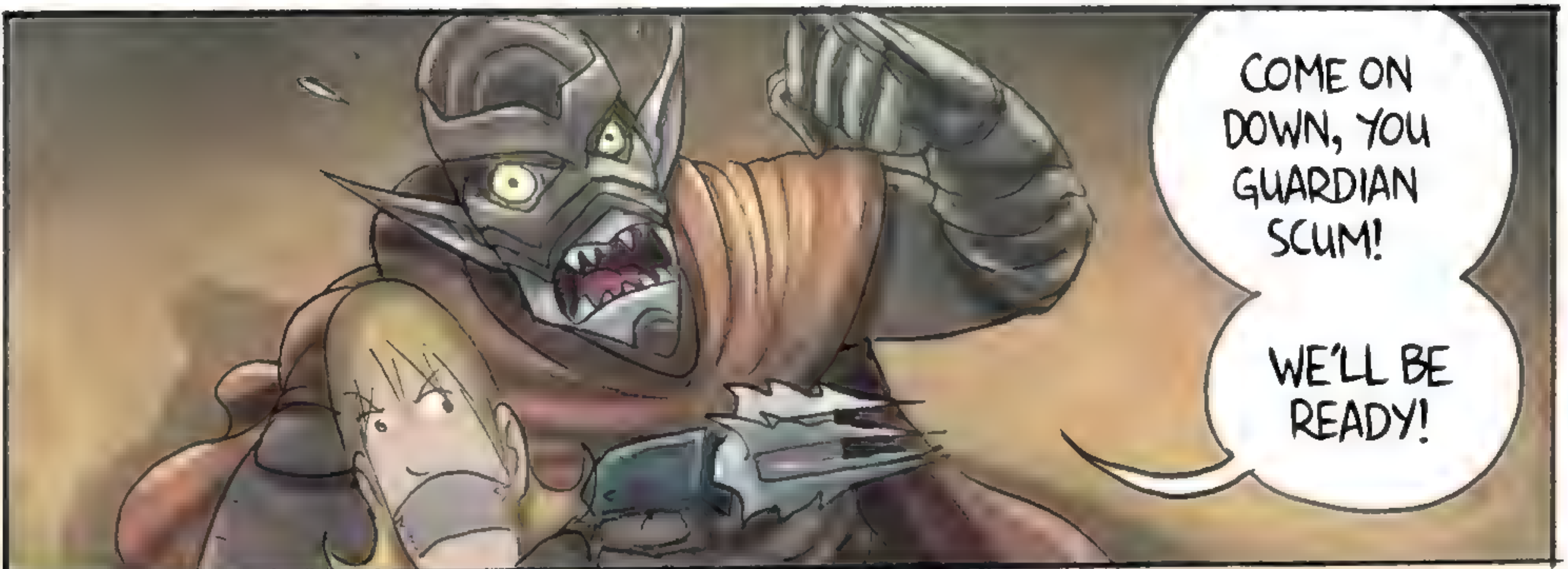


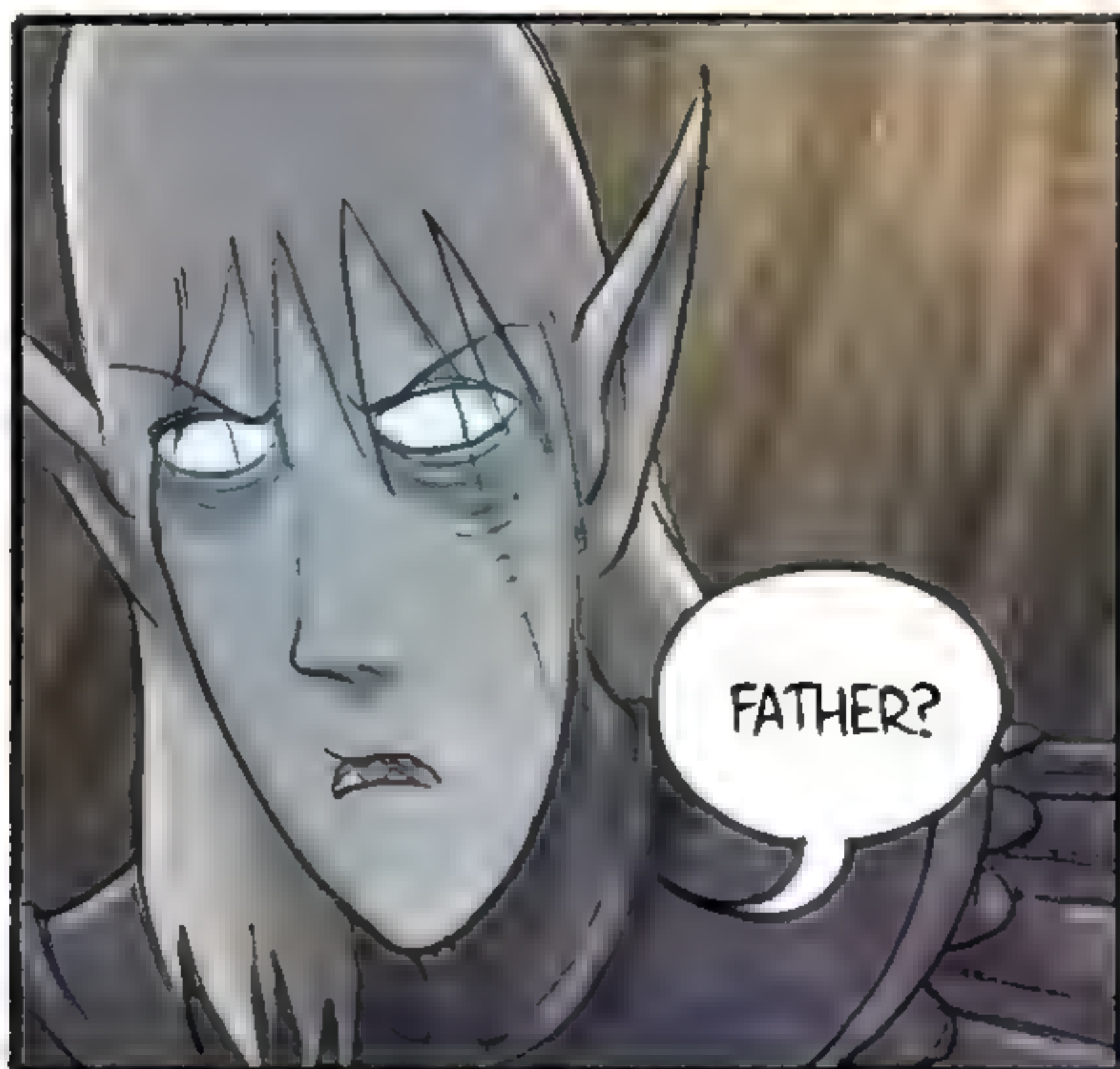
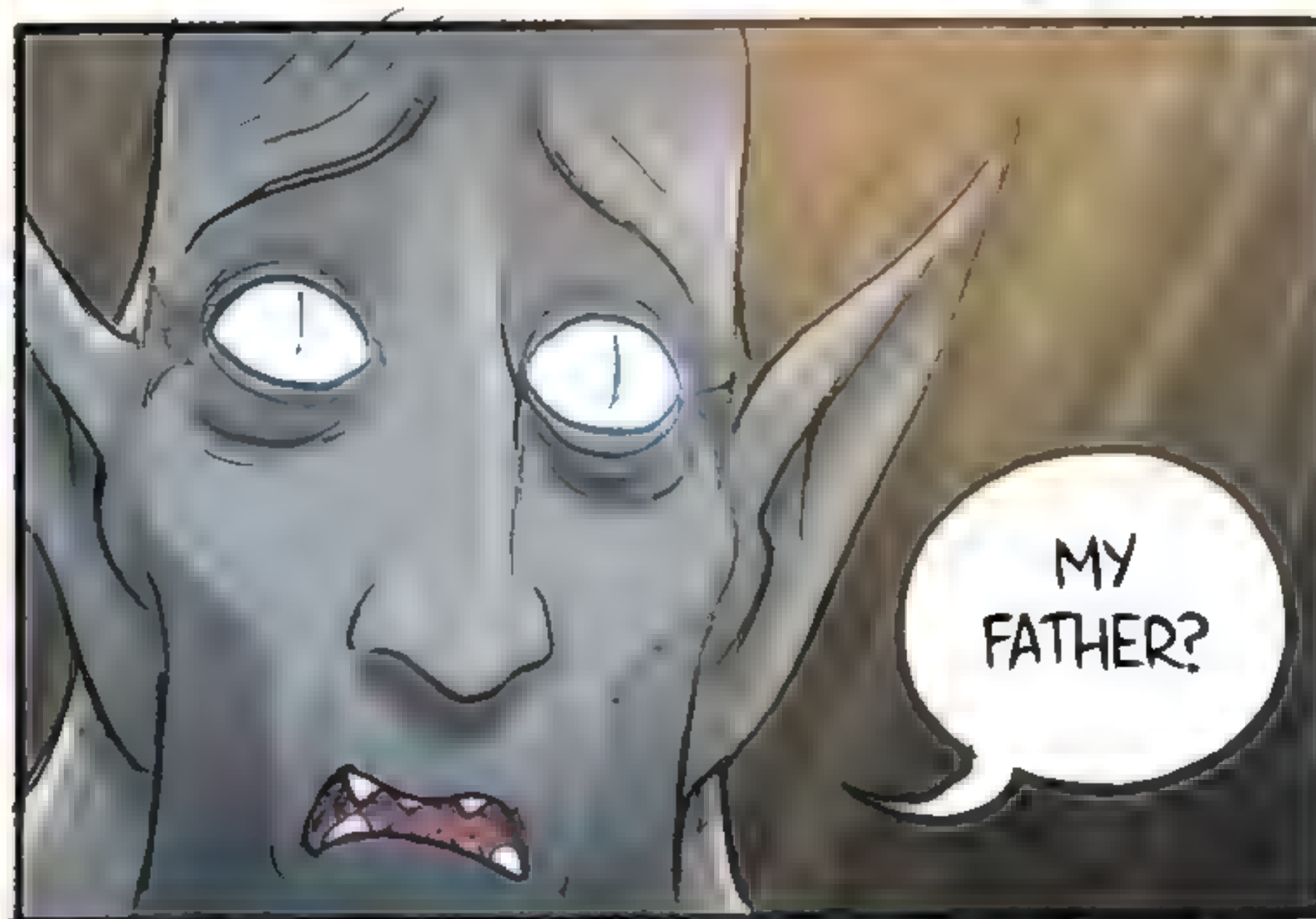


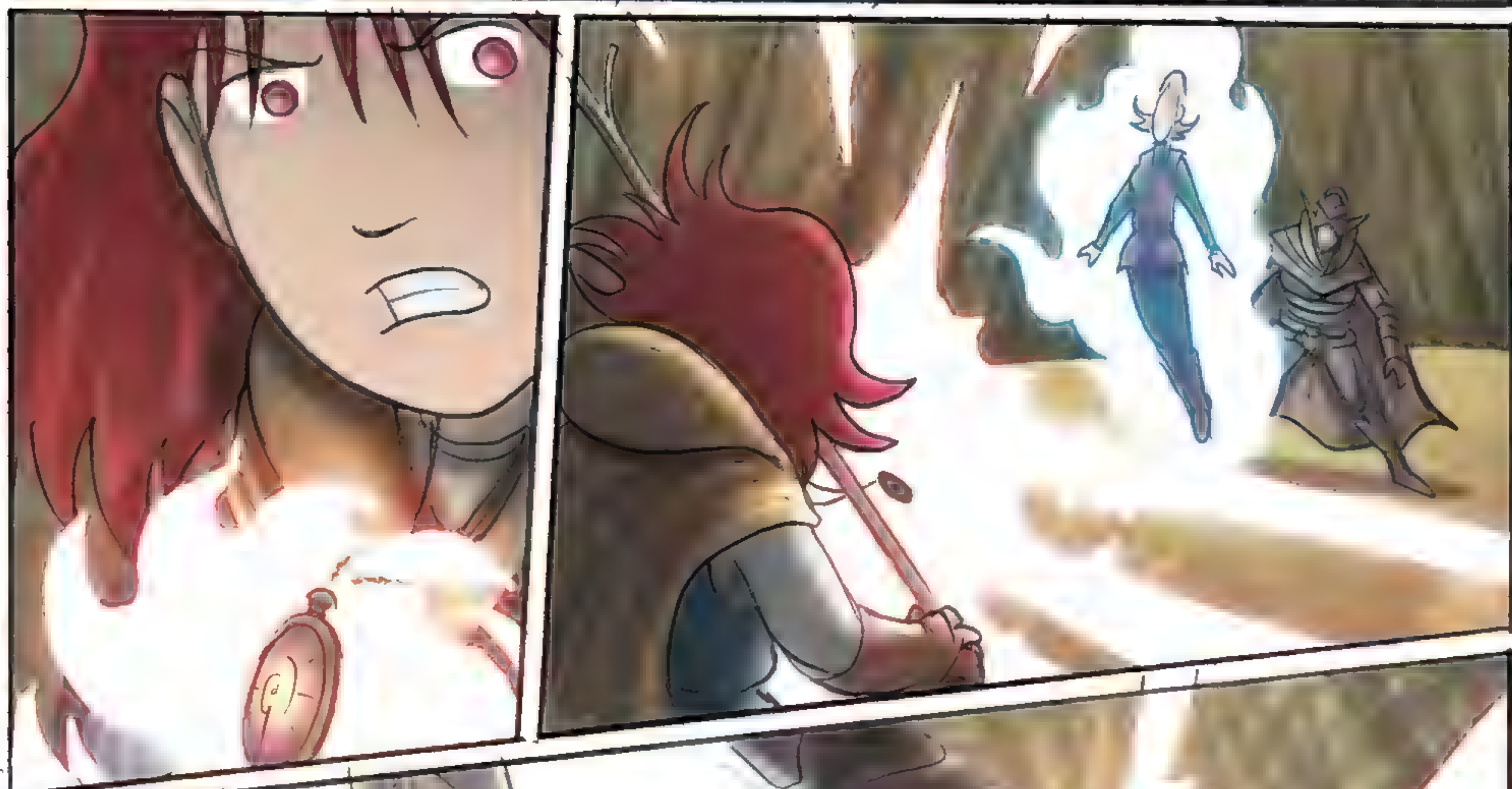
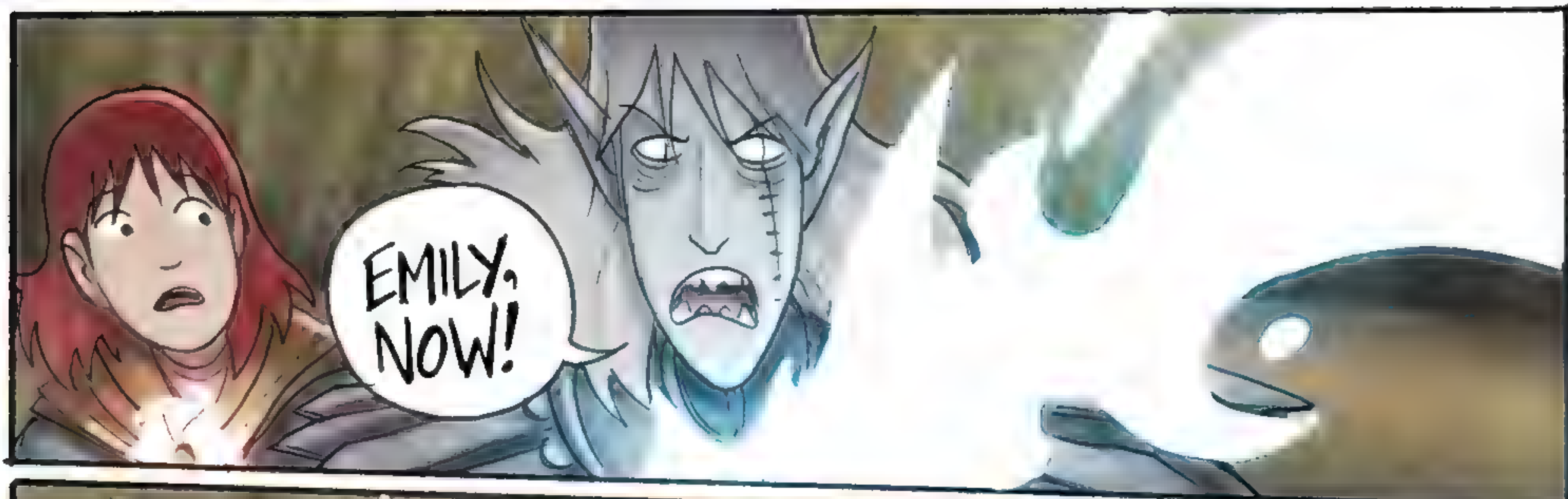


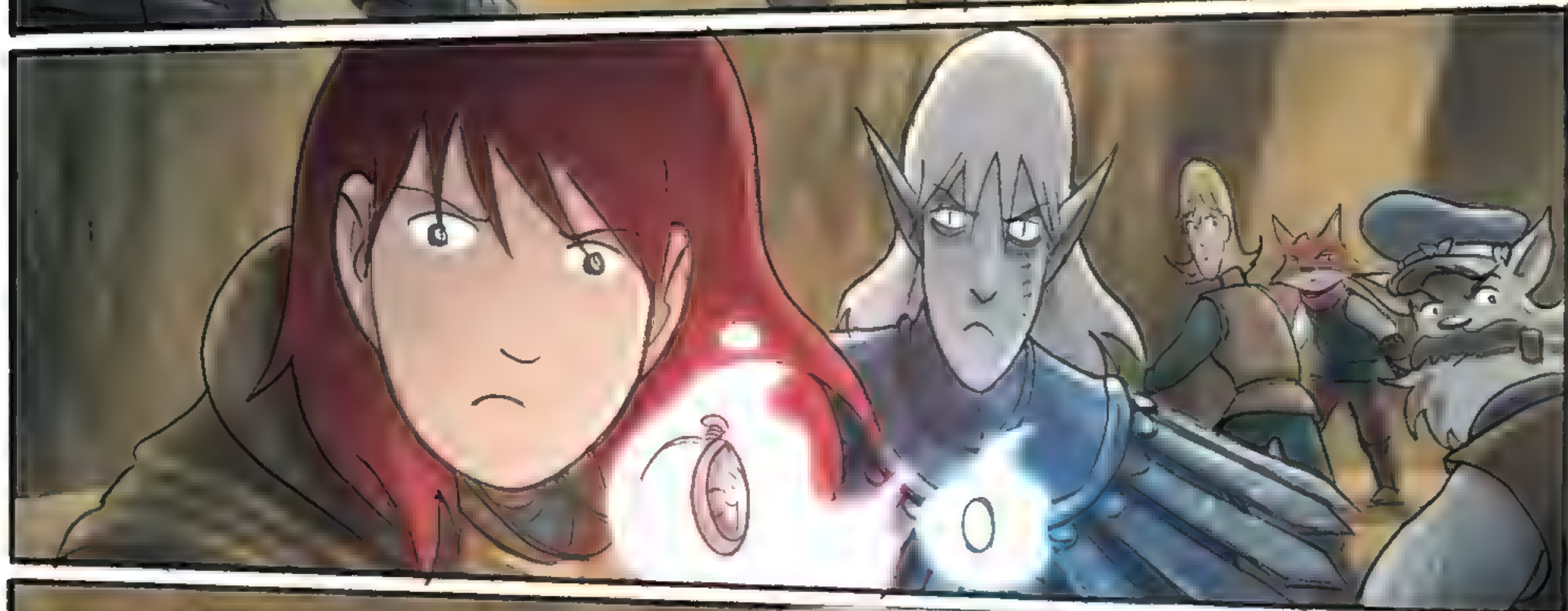


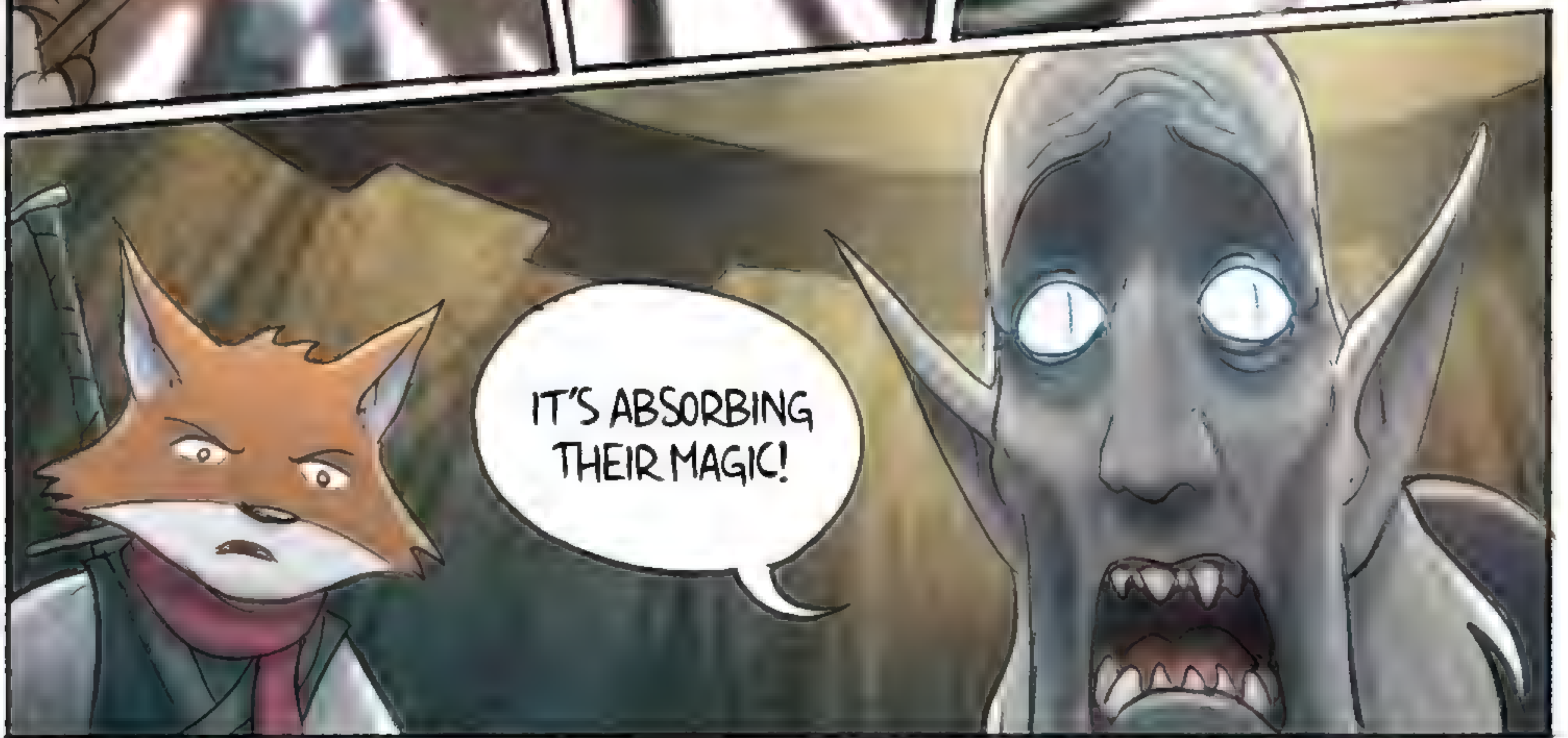






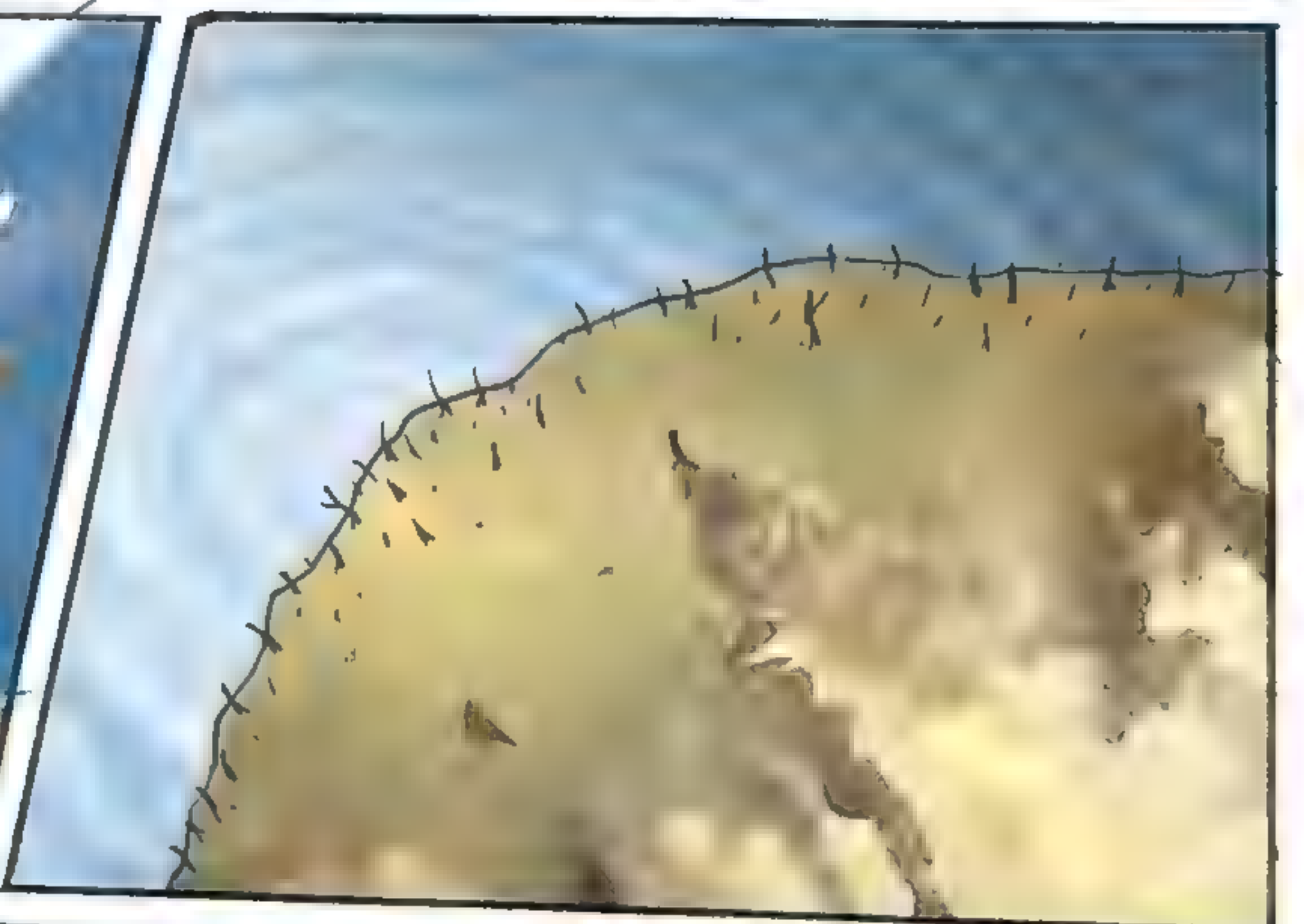
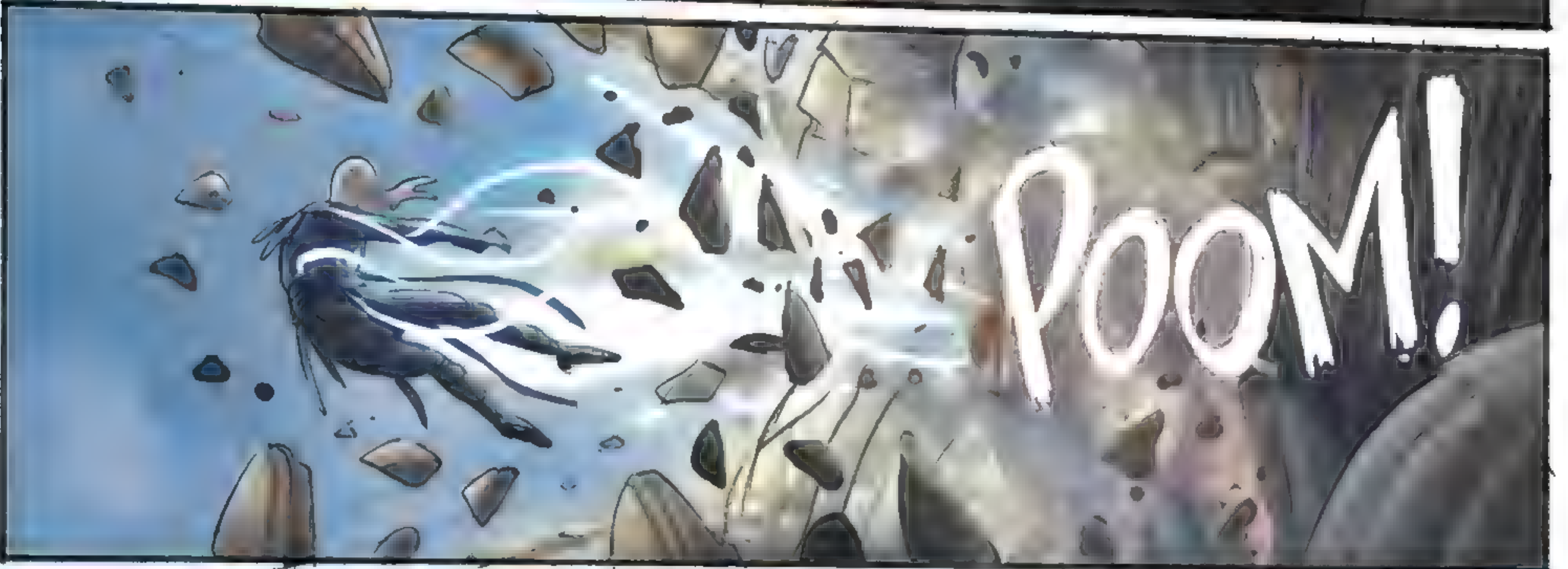


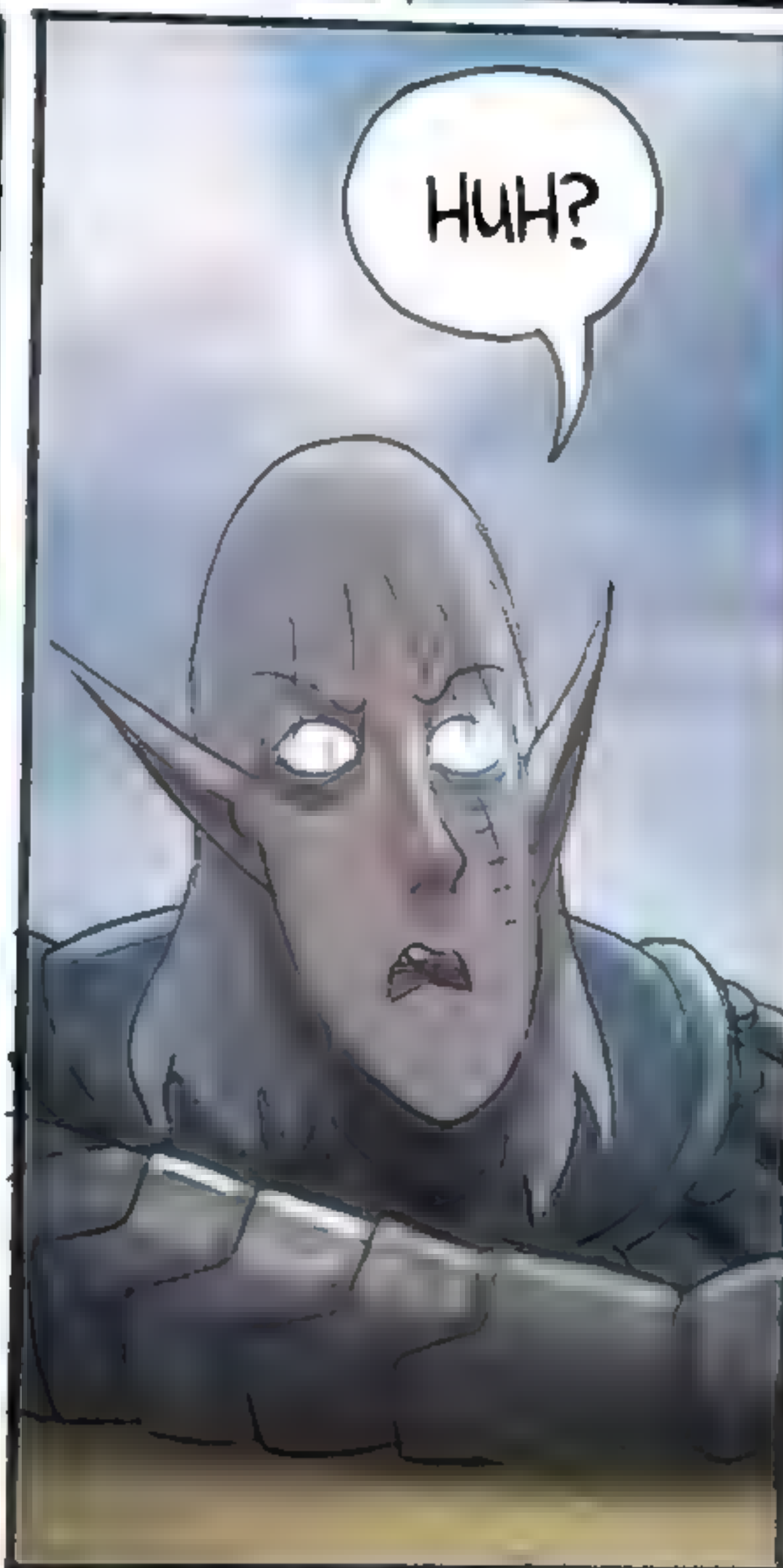














IT IS TIME
TO END THIS
LITTLE DANCE,
EMILY.

NOW
FOCUS.



YOU STONEKEEPERS
MAKE ME SICK.

YOUR SPECIAL
POWERS WERE SIMPLY
GIVEN TO YOU.

YOU NEVER HAD
TO EARN THEM.



AND YET, YOU
HAVE DIFFICULTY
DEFEATING A
SIMPLE ELF.

DESPITE YOUR
POWERS, YOU ARE
EASILY OUTWITTED.



LET'S SHOW HIM
HOW WE MATCH
WITS. YOU KNOW
WHAT TO DO.





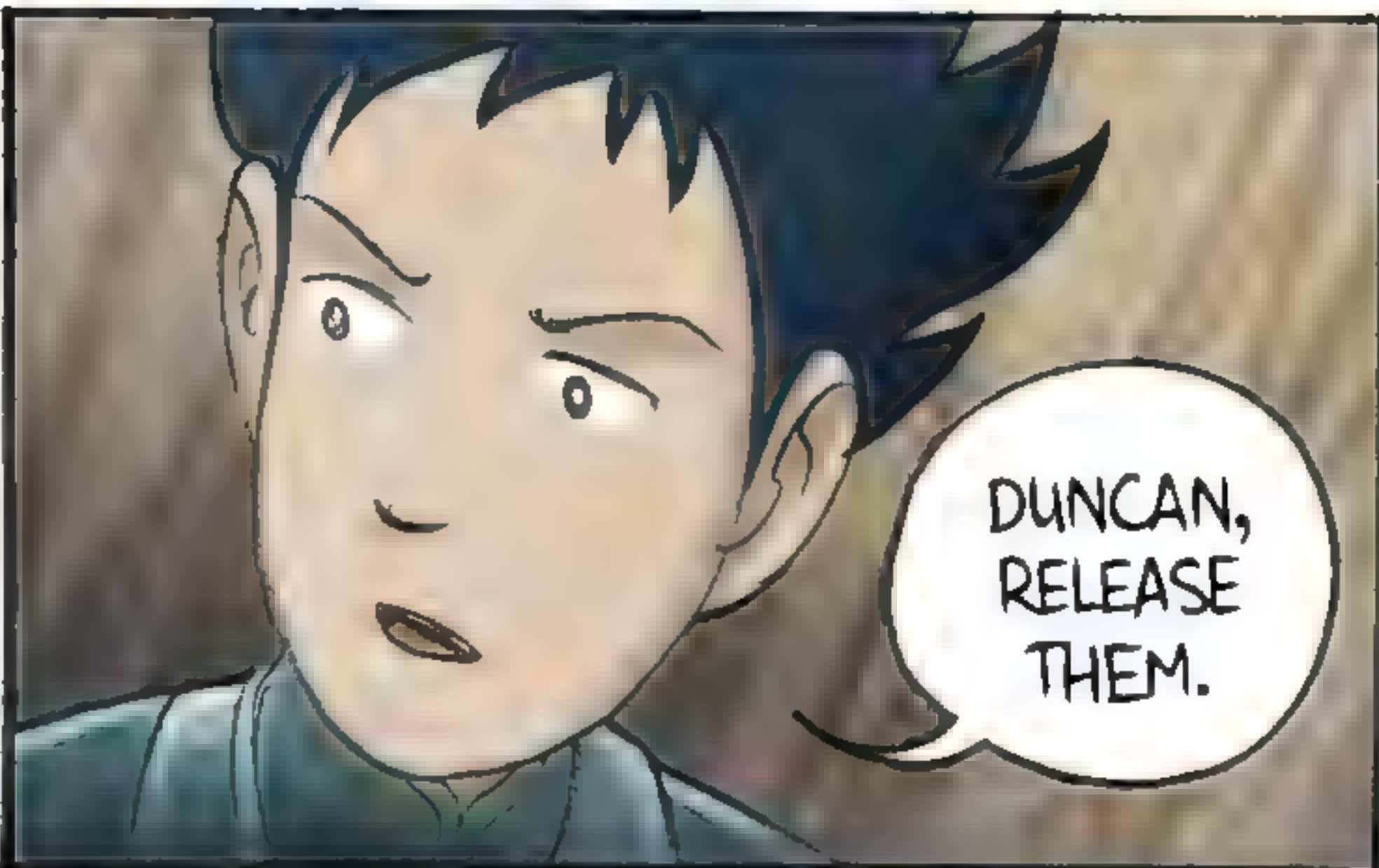
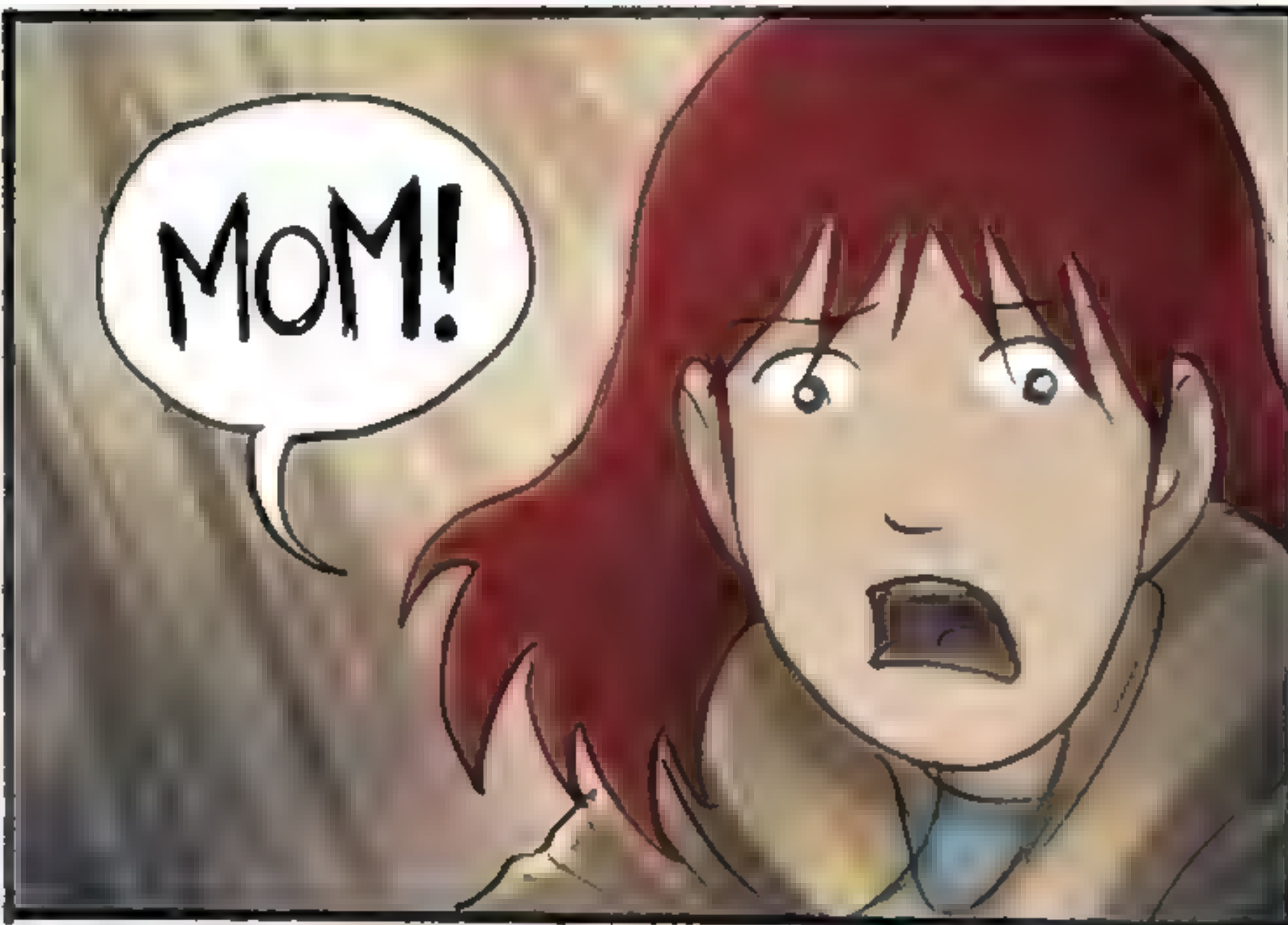


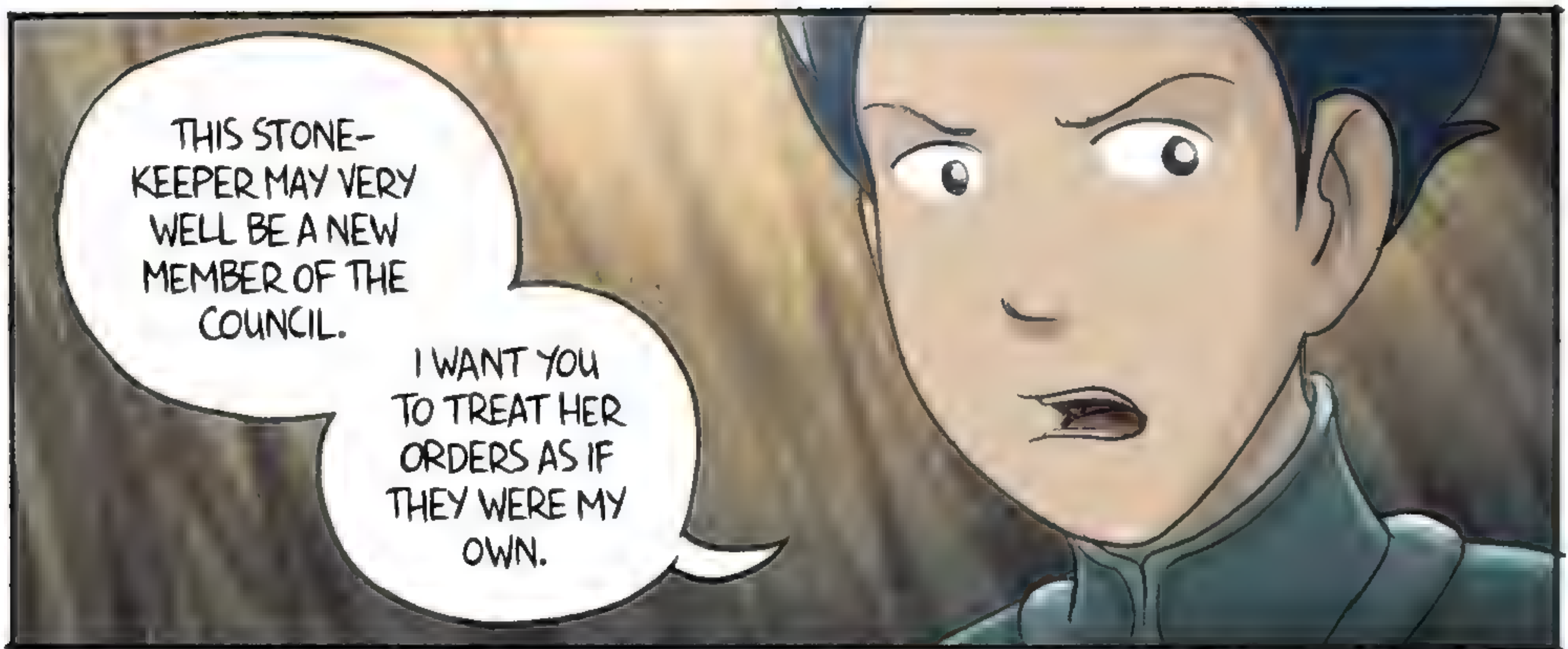




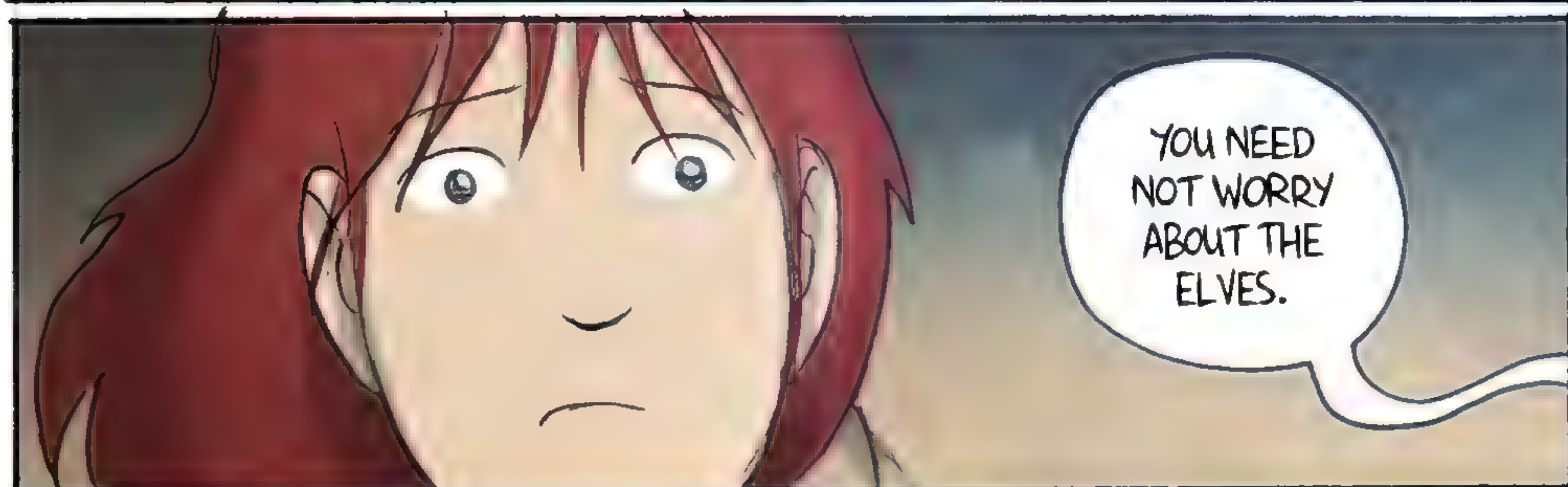
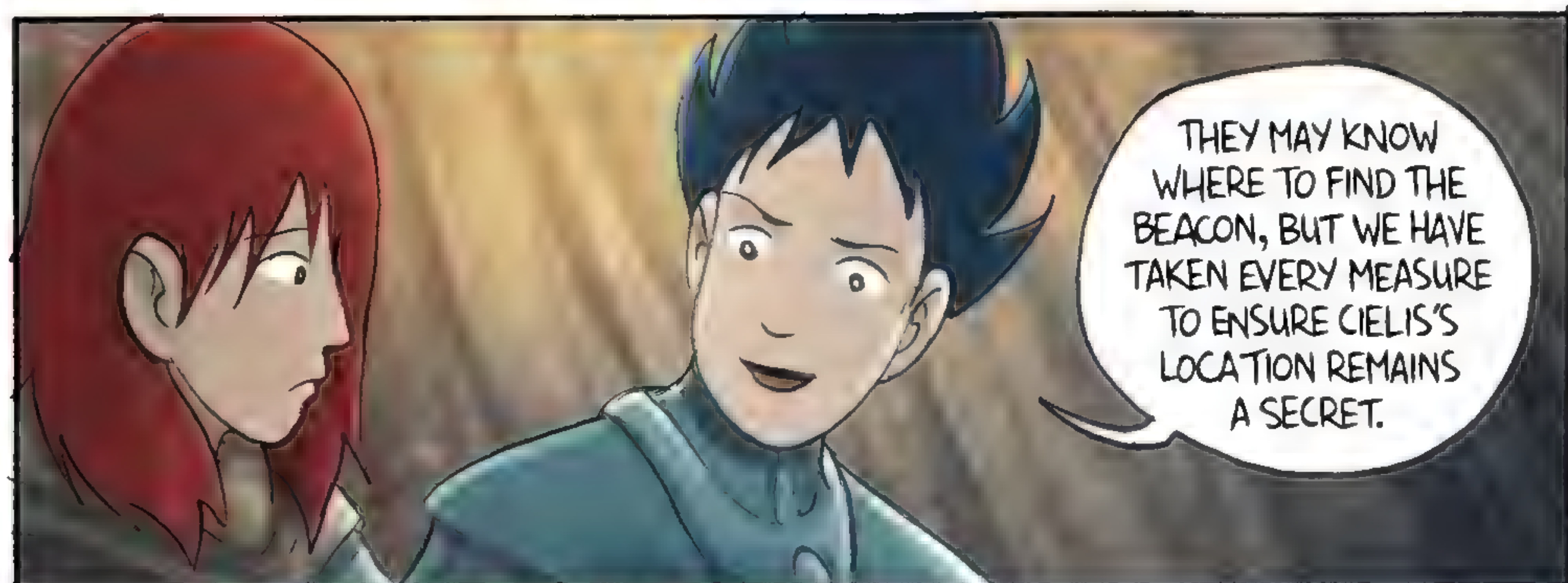


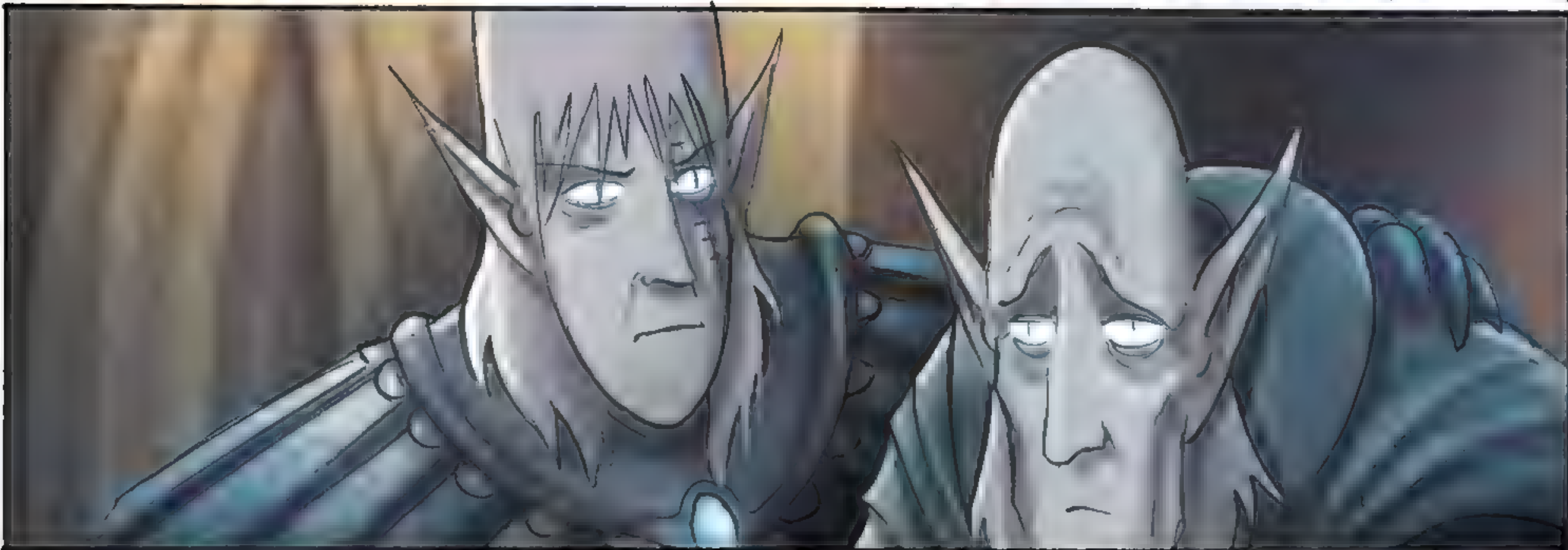
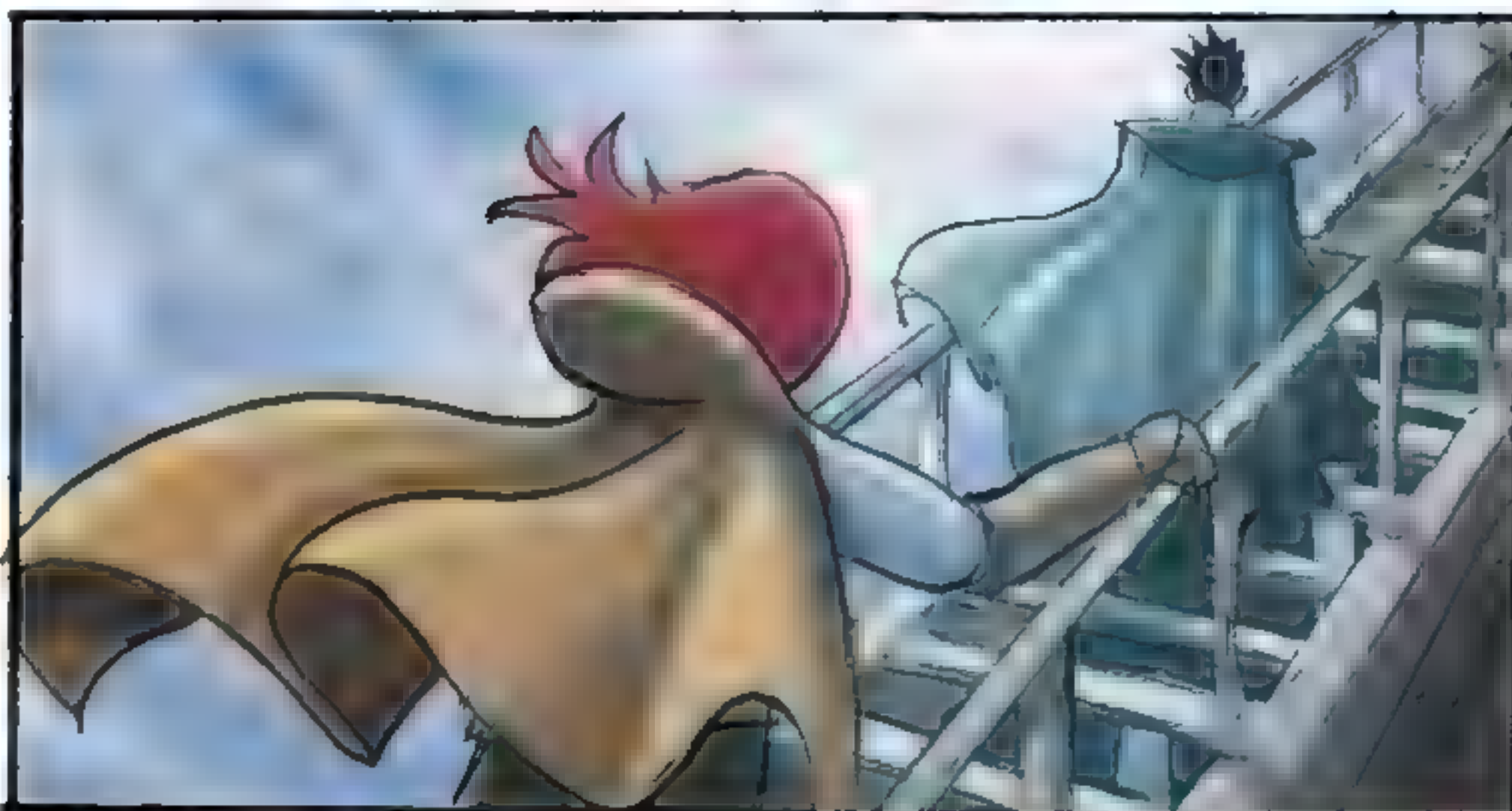


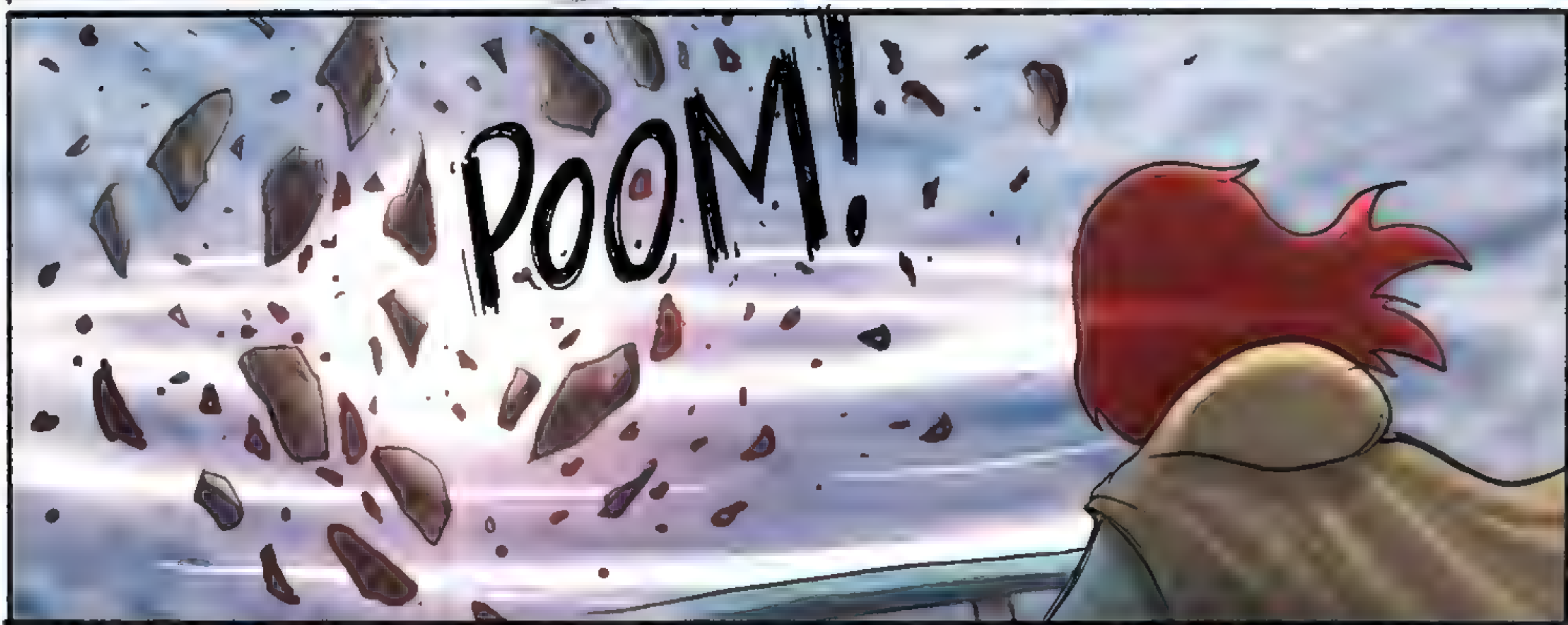
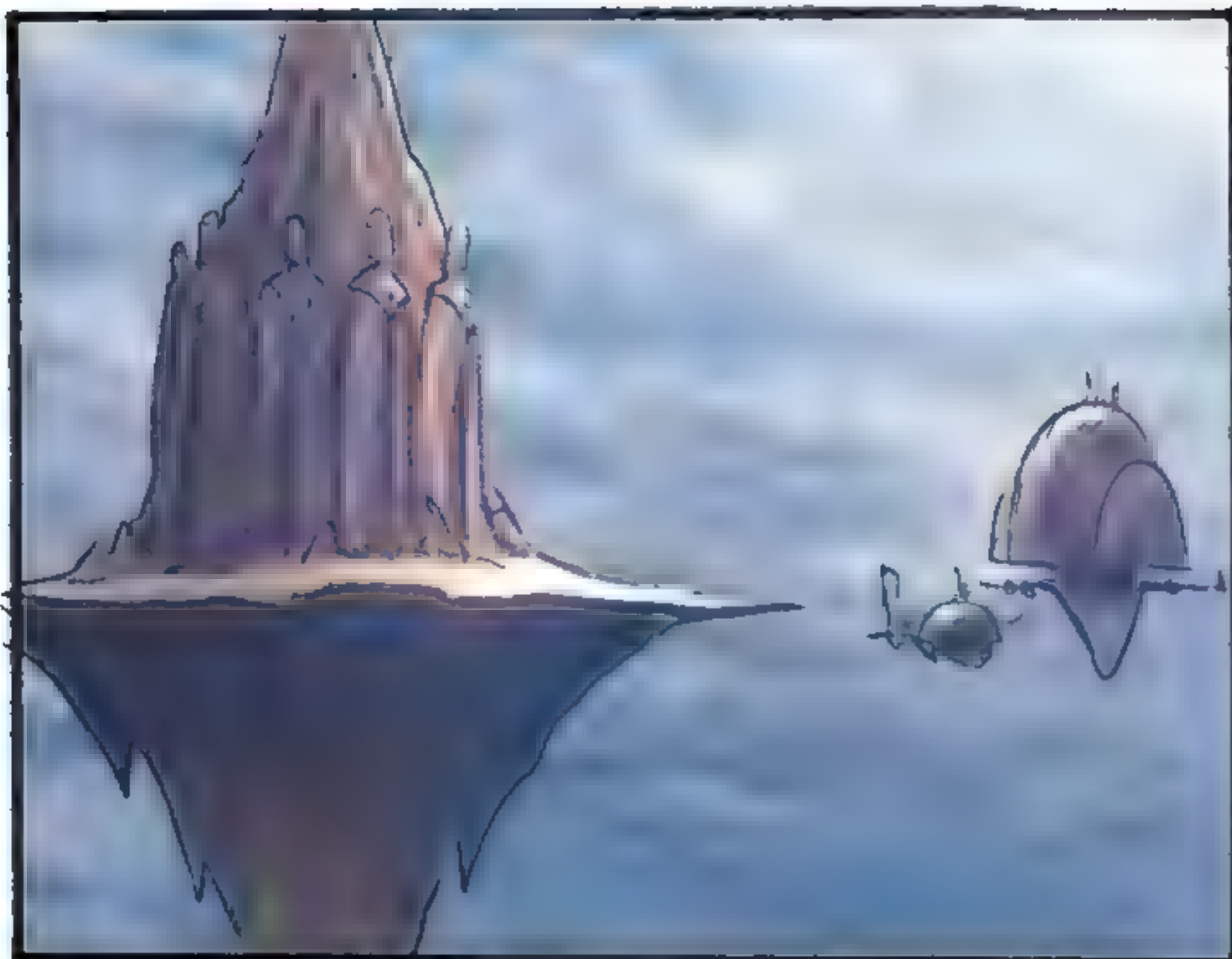




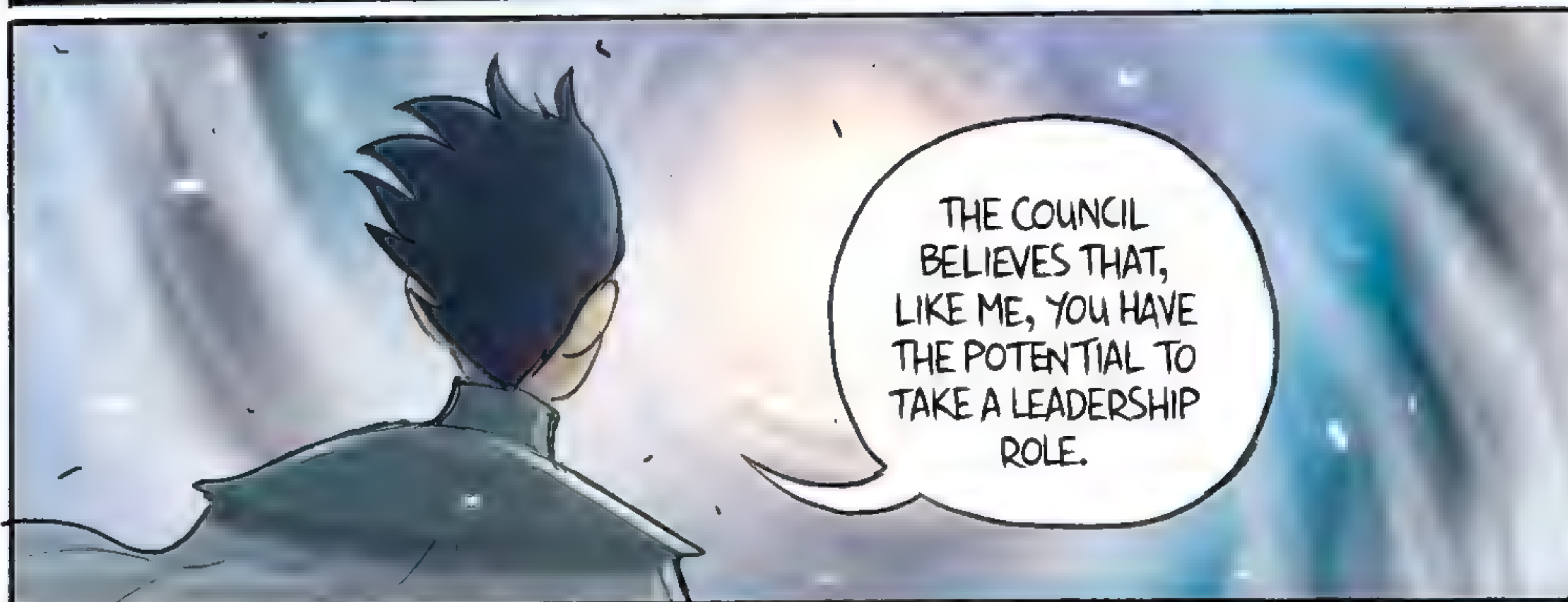


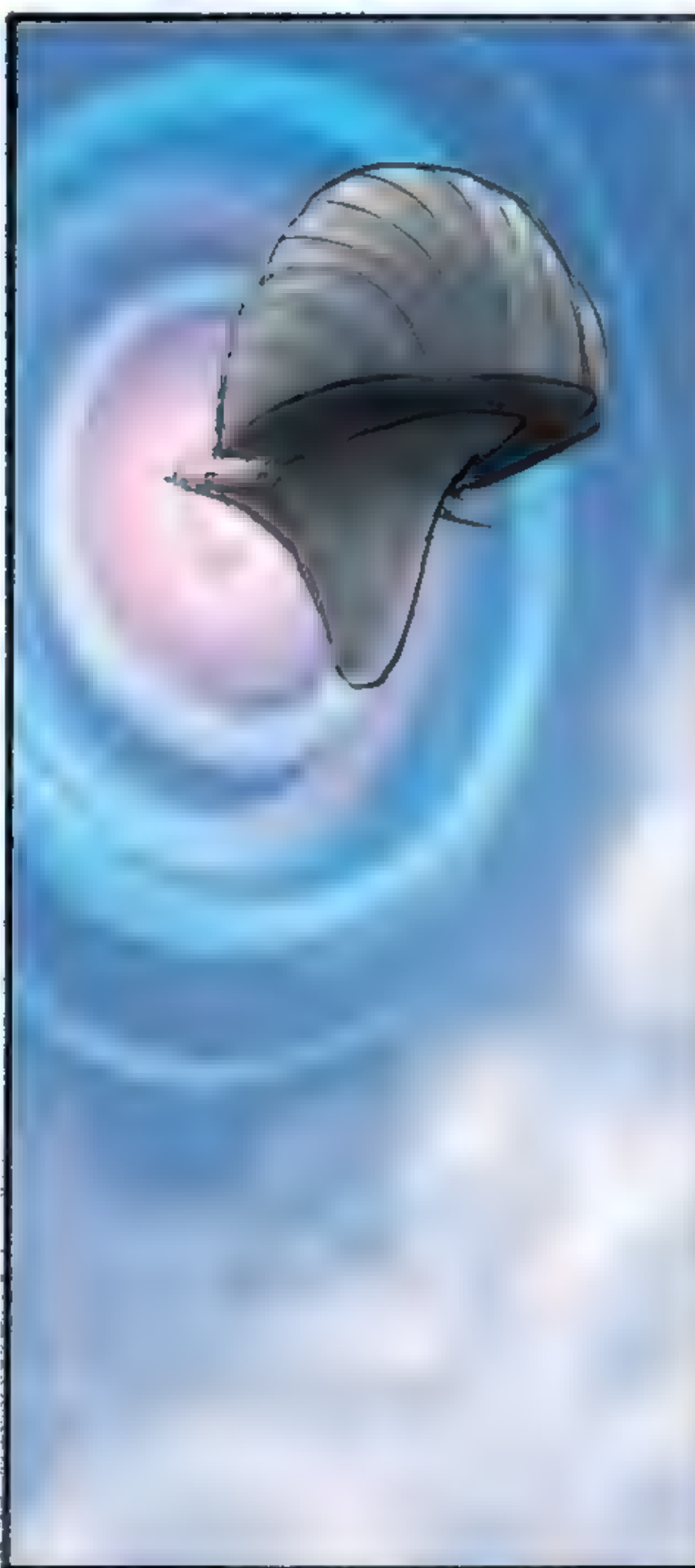












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SOME POSTCARDS!

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